

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

COVID-19 and Other Communicable Diseases

1. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. COVID-19 is a disease that includes a variety of possible symptoms according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, and nausea. In some instances, it can lead to hospitalization or death. It is highly contagious and contact with others who are infected, even those who are asymptomatic, can lead to infection. A number of vaccines have met the Food and Drug Administration's scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality, and these vaccines have proven to be effective at preventing symptomatic disease or reducing the severity of COVID-19 symptoms.
2. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that COVID-19 is contagious and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19.
3. I understand and acknowledge federal, state and local emergency orders and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that these orders and guidance are regularly modified and updated. I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates and complying with them at all times while attending the 2025 North Carolina Housing Conference (the "Event").
4. Although the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, Centrant Community Capital and the North Carolina Housing Coalition (collectively, the "Organizers") have put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, there are increased risks of contracting COVID-19 while meeting with others, or attending any event, conference, or training in person. I understand that it is impossible for Organizers to prevent all risk of infection, and I understand that Organizers cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. I agree to abide by Organizers' policies and protocols for COVID-19 at all times while attending the Event. I also agree to abide by the policies and protocols of any hotel, conference facility, or other location hosting the Event on behalf of the Organizers.
5. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at an event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others. I understand that it is impossible to fully list every risk of contracting COVID-19. I voluntarily agree to assume these risks.
6. I agree to check my temperature before traveling to the Event, and to not attend if I or any members of my household have a fever, have symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease, or are still within the timeframe for potential transmission of illness to others as determined by a physician or as set by the CDC. If I have previously tested positive for COVID-19, or I am awaiting results from a test, I agree to not attend the Event until I have fully completed a quarantine period consistent with CDC guidelines or received notification from my physician that I am symptom free and not contagious to others.
7. I understand that the Organizers or Event facilities staff reserve the right to require participants to wear masks to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I agree to wear a mask if asked to do so. I understand that scarves, bandanas, and neck gaiters have reduced effectiveness against COVID-19 and may not be deemed to be a suitable mask at any event where masks may be required. If I do not have a suitable mask in good repair and consistent with CDC guidelines, I may request a disposable one from Organizers, or I may be issued one and required to wear it.
8. If I have a medical condition that prevents me from wearing a mask or following these guidelines, I agree to notify Organizers at least seven days prior to the Event.
9. I agree to maintain social distancing consistent with government guidelines, observe careful hand washing, and use hand sanitizer when provided. At the discretion of Organizers, I consent to having my temperature taken on site to check for possible fever.

10. I understand and agree that while attending the Event, I am responsible for removing all personal items from any designated table and chair where I may be seated, and I am responsible for putting away any personal trash in provided receptacles to reduce the chances of transmission of communicable illnesses to others.
11. I acknowledge that if I fail to abide by these policies, I may be denied entry or asked to leave.
12. I agree that if I or a member of my household begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 within two weeks after attending Event, I will promptly notify Organizers.

Recordings

13. I recognize and acknowledge that Organizers may record my participation and appearance at Event on any recorded medium (including video, audio, or photos) for use in any form (including print, websites, blogs, internet, and social media).
14. I authorize such recording and release Organizers to use my name, likeness, voice, and biographical material to exhibit or distribute these recordings in whole or in part without restrictions or limitations for any promotional purpose.

General Provisions

15. I understand and agree that this is a release of liability and indemnity agreement, and it is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. If any portion of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the remainder shall continue in full force and legal effect.
16. I hereby certify that I have no health-related reasons or problems that preclude or restrict my participation. I hereby consent to and understand myself to be solely responsible for the cost of first aid, emergency medical care, and, if necessary, admission to an accredited hospital for executing such care or treatment for injuries or illnesses that I may sustain while participating in any activity.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.