STUDENT COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

NATURE OF COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. There is no current vaccine for COVID-19. COVID-19’s highly contagious nature means that contact with others, or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, may lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic for a period of time, or may never become symptomatic at all. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes “hidden” nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where, or how a specific individual may have been exposed to this disease.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

Agreement to Comply With Rules and Regulations

Aware of the nature of COVID-19, I am voluntarily entering facilities owned or controlled by California Baptist University (“University”) to reside in housing and/or participate in classes or activities. I understand that the University has put in place new safety rules and precautions in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which rules and precautions may be updated at any time. I agree to comply with such rules and precautions which may include, but are not limited to, a requirement that I wear a face covering, frequent and thorough hand washing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing. I also acknowledge that certain Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) including face coverings, may be made available by University. I understand that University may recommend that I wear certain PPE; however, it will be at my discretion whether to do so. I understand that failing to comply with the rules and regulations of University in this regard will constitute a violation of the University’s Standard of Student Conduct, and that failing to comply could subject me to sanctions up to, and including, expulsion from the University.

Agreement to Quarantine

I agree that if I am exhibiting symptoms of acute respiratory illness, a fever of 100.4°F or higher, or signs of a fever, I will remain isolated and self-quarantine until I have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication. If the University’s rules require me to self-quarantine because of symptoms, or I otherwise determine based on my own judgment or that of a medical professional to self-quarantine, I will notify the Student Services Office.

Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk

I hereby acknowledge: (i) the contagious nature of COVID-19, (ii) that COVID-19 may be very difficult to identify in another person, (iii) there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in public places, such as the campus of University, (iv) that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the University may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, University employees, agents, contractors, volunteers, and other students, (v) that the University is an open campus (i.e. the University does not control all students and visitors on campus) and, accordingly, the University cannot limit all potential sources of COVID-19 infection, (vi) it is not possible
to fully identify each and every individual risk of contracting COVID-19, (vii) that I have been provided all information required by me to determine the risks associated with returning to the campus of University, and to make an informed decision to assume those risks, (viii) no party related to the University, including any officer, employee, agent, volunteer, or student, has made any representations to me regarding the safety of, or the risks of, returning to campus, (ix) University’s rules and regulations may or may not be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, (x) that the use of PPE does not remove all risks of illness, or does it make it inherently safe to return to campus, and (xi) should I choose to return to campus, such decision is based on my own decision and election to assume the risks relative to COVID-19.

By voluntarily returning to the campus of University, I hereby assume the risk that I may be exposed to COVID-19, and that such exposure may result in infection by COVID-19, the results of which may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death.

Potential Modification of In Class Instruction Due to Mandates

I hereby acknowledge the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may continue through the 2020-21 academic year and governmental authorities may mandate universities, such as California Baptist University, cease or restrict in person class instruction and cancel campus activities that are not compliant with social distancing guidelines. By choosing to attend University, I further acknowledge this circumstance and I understand that, in such event, University will continue to provide course instruction in a modified format that complies with the governmental mandates. Although my expectation is for a traditional campus experience and customary in-person class instruction, I voluntarily assume the risk that my course instruction may be provided in another format if governmental authorities mandate the closure of the campus or place restrictions upon the delivery of in-class instruction. I further acknowledge and agree that I will not be entitled to a refund or price adjustment for the cost of course instruction, if my courses are required to be provided in a modified format which the University deems in compliance with governmental mandates.

Agreement

My signature below indicates that I am at least eighteen years of age and that I have read and understand the above statements and intend to be bound legally by its terms.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE  PRINT NAME  ID NUMBER

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT or GUARDIAN (Required for students under the age of 18 years)