

## **Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19**

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

**The B&O Railroad Museum has taken precautions to protect its visitors from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while visiting the Museum's premises; it is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. As part of these precautions, the Museum has required all staff, volunteers, and visitors to wear face masks. Therefore, if you choose to enter onto the B&O Railroad Museum's premises without a facemask or face covering, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. Due to a medical condition, I am unable to wear a facemask while visiting the B&O Railroad Museum's premises. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 in order to enter the B&O Railroad Museum's premises without wearing a face mask or covering. I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to visit the Museum in person. I certify that I am not experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19 and have not been knowingly exposed to COVID-19.

**WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY:** I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against the B&O Railroad Museum and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to visiting the B&O Railroad Museum's premises. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

**CHOICE OF LAW:** I understand and agree that the law of the State of Maryland will apply to this contract.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:**

Signature:

Date:

Name (printed):