



## Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, 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.

**Melwood Veterans Services LLC (“Melwood”) cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing Melwood’s services or premises. While Melwood has put preventative measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it is not possible to completely prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to utilize Melwood’s services and/or enter onto Melwood’s premises 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. I acknowledge that Melwood has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID -19. I further acknowledge that Melwood cannot guarantee that I will not become infected and I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 in order to utilize Melwood’s services and enter Melwood’s premises. These services are of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to utilize Melwood’s services and premises in person rather than arranging for an alternative method of enjoying the same services virtually (e.g. videoconference).

**I attest that:**

- I am not experiencing any symptoms of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of sense of taste or smell.
- I have not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States of America in the last 14 days.
- I have not traveled outside of the United States of America in the last 14 days.
- I do not believe I have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- I have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.
- I am following CDC guidelines as much as possible and limiting my exposure to COVID-19.
- I will inform Melwood if I later receive a positive COVID-19 diagnosis that could have resulted in my exposing others to COVID-19 while on Melwood premises.

**WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY:** I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Melwood 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 utilizing Melwood’s services and 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_