



**Happy's Farm, Inc.**

**COVID-19 Accident Release**

I release Happy's Farm, its Board of Directors, all staff and volunteers, and other farm participants from repercussions from any and all accidents and any liability if their child is exposed/contracts COVID-19 or any illness while attending the farm's programs. The risks of exposure to an illness are inherent risks that are taken when sending children to any activity with other children such as school, camp, church, sports practices, playgrounds, clubs, etc.

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I agree to let Happy's Farm know if my child is exposed to or contracts COVID-19 while they are attending any programs at the farm. Should my child be exposed to the virus or start exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of known exposure, I must agree to keep my child at home for 14 days following a known exposure or until my child has tested negative to a COVID-19 test. If my child contracts the virus, my child will not be allowed to return to the farm's programs until a written statement from my child's doctor is obtained that clears my child to return to Happy's Farm.

Happy's Farm will take preventative measures to protect the children and will take temperatures from the children as soon as they arrive to the farm. I give my consent to Happy's Farm, Inc. to allow a staff member to take my child's temporal temperature on arrival each day to the premises to ensure the farm is following the CDC guidelines of checking for an elevated temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Happy's Farm has the right to decline a child's entry into the farm even if they don't have a temperature but exhibit characteristics based on apparent symptoms of COVID-19 or other type of illness in an effort to keep all farm participants safe and well. Happy's Farm will conduct proper cleaning and sanitizing procedures each day to ensure that all the equipment is safe for the children to play on. The farm staff asks for all children to not bring toys from home in order to protect everyone at the farm. There are so many toys and activities at the farm to keep your child engaged that bringing in outside toys from home will not be permitted during this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are all striving to keep our children and staff safe during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Happy's Farm, Inc will be providing bandanas for the children to wear at the farm to comply with the state guidelines and regulations. If your child has a favorite mask they would prefer to wear, they are welcome to bring it to the farm each day as wearing a mask will be a requirement when social distancing is limited and we are required to be indoors. The farm staff will make every effort to make your child feel comfortable during this process.

#### Electronics:

Happy's Farm understands that the children attending the after school program will have their school iPads/computers and will provide a place for the children to do homework if needed but will not allow the children to play on their iPad /computer due to the fact that internet access is available and that can open the door to misuse of technology. This applies to cell phones as well. Children do not need to have cell phones but if they do per parents wishes, the farm asks them to keep them put away in their book bags or give them to a farm staff to hold until they leave to prevent the misuse of technology as well as the transmission of germs to each other as children often share their technology as if it was a toy.

#### Payments:

Operating costs of the farm has increased significantly and rates have increased due to this fact. The farm has strived very hard over the past 10 years to maintain the lowest prices possible for parents but in order to continue, rates must go up and be paid before services are rendered. Payment for all services must be paid on the first day of services provided. There will not be any exceptions as it will take everyone understanding that the farm's expenses must be paid in order for operation to continue. The farm accepts cash and checks. If a check is returned as non sufficient funds, a \$25 returned check fee will be added and the fees will have to be paid before the farm services continue. Although the farm rates have increased, the staff feels the farm offers so many opportunities and facilities for the children that are not offered at other sites and are well worth the increase in price in order to continue its operation. The farm is constantly striving to provide activities to give our youth opportunities to develop friendships with others and develop memories that will last a lifetime.

### Volunteer Opportunities

There will not be any Volunteer Opportunities for youth under the age of 16 except for prior children who have been approved by the farm's board of directors and have proven that they truly want to volunteer and help in the ways that are needed at the farm. Being a volunteer at the farm involves a great deal of hard work in a farm type setting and the staff has found that youth under the age of 16 are not ready to accept and fully understand volunteer expectations and this misunderstanding of the work ethics that are required of the youth makes it much harder on the regular farm staff. Our age of technology has really taken away from work values and the pride one gets in taking part in a what our past generation of folks would call "a good hard day's work."

### Behavior Policy

All children will be required to treat each other and everything with love and respect. A great deal of hard work goes into making the farm a special place and everyone has to work together to make it a pleasant experience for everyone. If your child is being disrespectful to farm staff, vandalizing farm property, and/or exhibiting behaviors that could hurt themselves or another child or animal, he/she will be asked to leave and child care at Happy's Farm will discontinue. Again, the farm is a very special place where lots of hard work has been given by numerous individuals to make it that way and everything and everybody must be treated with respect and kindness. No other actions will be tolerated and considered acceptable behavior!

Please have your child sign here as you explain these expectations to your child.

Child's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your understanding of these policies and procedures and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Rhonda at anytime.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are all striving to keep our children and staff safe during this COVID-19 pandemic and keep Happy's Farm open to help serve you with your child care needs.

I carry adequate primary insurance to cover any accident while my child is at Happy's Farm and agree to abide by and understand the information in the above accident release statements.

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

In case of an emergency, and in the event that I cannot be reached, I give permission for Happy's Farm personnel to call 911 for emergency transport to the hospital listed below. I also give permission for a doctor to give the necessary treatment as needed for my child.

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Hospital \_\_\_\_\_