

PARENT/STUDENT GUIDELINES FOR INTERNSHIPS IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT



In order to maintain the safety and welfare of students, staff, and community, NEXT High School is delivering a hybrid program model (half online, half in-person) for the 2020-21 school year. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, **NEXT High School encourages students to conduct internship experiences remotely whenever possible.**

However, **NEXT High School will allow students to participate in on-site, socially-distant internship** where the Student Life Coordinator and the Internship Host have discussed the terms and contingencies of the internship for safety and logistics, and **the student intern ("I", below) verifies and agrees to the following:**

1. **I have reviewed** the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website containing [COVID-19 Information](#) and **understand the risks** associated with contracting COVID-19. I further **understand and accept my responsibility** to conduct myself responsibly by following all applicable advice and directives to prevent transmission.
2. **I will wear adequate personal protective equipment (PPE)** while at the internship site. **I will not knowingly interact** with persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are presumed positive for COVID-19.
3. NEXT High School has received assurances from the internship host site confirming that the **site is in compliance** with any federal, state, and local guidance or requirements related to COVID-19. If I find that the site is not in compliance for any reason, **I will notify** the Student Life Coordinator immediately.
4. I **acknowledge** that NEXT High School has provided me the **option** to complete the internship at the internship site for as long as the site permits my participation. I agree that **I and my parent(s)/guardian(s) are solely responsible for the choice to engage in an on-site internship.** I also understand that the guidance from the CDC, NEXT High School, and the internship host site **may change at any time**, and **I may be required to adhere to those changes.**
5. I understand that **I may decline to participate in an on-site internship experience at any time.** Even if I initially choose to participate, I may later decide to cease participation in my on-site internship experience if I do not feel comfortable or safe.
6. I **understand** that my participation may at times include **activities that expose me** to employees of the internship host and/or the general public. I understand that **if I become ill, symptomatic, or test positive for COVID-19, I must immediately notify NEXT High School and my Internship Host and follow the CDC quarantine guidance.**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the on-site internship placement at _____ [internship host site], **I do hereby release, waive and discharge** NEXT High School, the NEXT School Board, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, and my Internship Host and company from any and all liability should I contract the COVID-19 virus, which may incur by participation in the above stated internship placement.

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I knowingly and voluntarily elect to participate in my internship experience at this time and hereby accept the risks as outlined by the CDC, NEXT High School, and the internship site.

I have read this Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver of Liability and **fully understand** its terms. I acknowledge that I am **signing this waiver freely and voluntarily** with full knowledge of its significance.

NHS Student Intern Signature

Printed Name

Date

If the participant is younger than 18 years of age, their parent or legal guardian MUST ALSO sign where indicated below:

“I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant indicated above, who is under the age of 18. **I agree on behalf of my child** or ward to all the terms contained in this release.”

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date