COVID-19 SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

The COVID-19 pandemic is a novel yet evolving public health concern and the National Organization for Victim Assistance, Inc. (“NOVA”) continues to monitor applicable policy and procedures in order to prioritize the safety and well-being of our guests, attendees, members, volunteers and employees (collectively, “Participants”) while in Orlando, Florida. While participating in events held or sponsored by NOVA, we will require our Participants to practice hand hygiene, social distancing and wear face coverings, regardless of vaccine status in the meeting space, to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19 even when not mandated by local jurisdictions.

NOVA cannot guarantee that Participants in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19. Therefore, we request that you confirm your intent to abide by NOVA’s policies by affirming the following as of the time you begin attendance as a Participant at a NOVA event:

1. I declare I am not now experiencing nor in the past fourteen (14) days have I experienced or exhibited any COVID-19 related symptoms as outlined by the CDC such as fever, cough or shortness of breath; and

2. I declare I will adhere to health and safety protocols while participating in events held or sponsored by NOVA. These protocols include:

   - **Physical distancing** to include limited seating in meeting and workshop rooms. There will be no standing in meeting rooms and seats cannot be moved from their set placement.
   - **Name badges must be worn** throughout the entire event in the conference space.
   - **Face masks that cover your face from the bridge of your nose to past your chin are required** to be worn throughout the entire event in the conference space (neck gaiters, bandanas, and masks
with exhaust valves are not acceptable face coverings). Masks must be worn at all times outside of actively eating or drinking.

- **Presenters will be allowed an exception** to remove their masks while actively presenting in their workshop room.
- Participants that do not adhere to these protocols will be escorted from the NOVA event and their NOVA Conference Credentials forfeited.

3. I declare I am not aware of having been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but is not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment; and

4. I declare that I will continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 while attending a NOVA event and acknowledge that if I experience any symptoms during the NOVA event, I will discontinue attendance immediately, seek medical attention and notify the NOVA event team. I understand that NOVA may request or mandate my removal from an event if I should exhibit any symptoms or become out of compliance with the foregoing declarations.

5. I declare that I will notify NOVA immediately if I test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days following the event in accordance with contact tracing guidelines. I will contact NOVA’s event team at: conference@trynova.org.

By signing this Participant waiver and release of liability form, I acknowledge the contagious and evolving nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to COVID-19 or a related virus and become affected as a result. I understand the risk of becoming infected may impact my family and personal contacts as well as other NOVA Participants and their families and personal contacts.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any expense, liability, illness, injury, disability or death related to contracting COVID-19 or a related virus while attending a NOVA event. For myself and my heirs, assignees and next of kin and/or legally appointed representative, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge and hold harmless NOVA or the site owner or operator of any NOVA-sponsored event from
all claims of any kind, either at law or in equity, arising out of a virus-related illness or event.

I understand and agree that this release of liability includes any claims against NOVA, its employees, officers, directors, agents and assigns whether a COVID-19 infection occurrence exists before, during or after attendance and participation at a NOVA event.

BY ATTENDING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY, I AM DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN THIS FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
Print Name: ____________________________