

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE

The American Planning Association – Illinois Chapter will be holding the 2021 APA-IL State Conference for two in-person days, October 6th and 7th in Normal, Illinois. The Chapter desires to create as safe and inviting an atmosphere for attendees as possible and is instituting provisions to mitigate attendees' possible exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. Attendees on October 6th and 7th will be required to remain masked at all public events and sessions during the Conference, even if already vaccinated. If you are vaccinated, you will be required to show proof of vaccination. If you are not yet vaccinated, the Chapter strongly encourages you to do so well ahead of the State Conference opening on October 6th, particularly now that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is fully approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. If you remain unvaccinated, you will be required to show proof of a negative PCR test taken not more than 72-hours before attending the State Conference. In addition, all attendees on October 6th and 7th are required to sign and include this Waiver of Liability and Release with their registration ahead of the State Conference. Attendees on October 6th and 7th who register without including this Waiver of Liability and Release will be required to do so before being given entry to the State Conference. This Waiver of Liability and Release will be available for those attendees at the State Conference registration table. Failure to sign and file this Waiver of Liability and Release will result in you being denied entry to the State Conference on October 6th and 7th and no refunds will be given.

I acknowledge and agree, on my own behalf and on behalf of my personal representatives, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, and next of kin, as follows:

1. I acknowledge that COVID-19 is a global pandemic and a public health risk. I am also aware that COVID-19 is highly contagious, and an infection can cause serious health issues and/or death.
2. I am voluntarily traveling to and attending the AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION – ILLINOIS CHAPTER (“APA-IL”) 2021 APA-IL State Conference with full knowledge that I may contract COVID-19 while doing so. I am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19 and agree to abide by those guidelines and any additional requirements established by the City of Normal, McLean County, and State of Illinois, as well as requirements posted by APA-IL as a condition for attending its 2021 APA-IL State Conference.
3. While rules and personal discipline may reduce the risk, I knowingly and freely assume all risks related to contracting COVID-19, even if arising from any negligence or fault of the APA-IL. I understand the potential for risk for serious illness or death as result of contracting COVID-19.

I am aware that I could become seriously ill or even die if I contract COVID-19 while traveling to or attending the 2021 APA-IL State Conference. I am voluntarily traveling to and attending the 2021 APA-IL State Conference with knowledge of the danger involved and agree to assume any and all risks of bodily injury or death.

4. I hereby release and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless APA-IL and CGi, LLC, APA-IL's contracted conference planner and coordinator, including its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, clients and assigns (the “Releasees”) against any and all liability for any loss, damage, personal injury, expense, demand, or cause of action that I may suffer as a result of contracting COVID-19 while traveling to or attending the 2021 APA-IL State Conference. This release and agreement shall be effective from the date of this Waiver of Liability and Release forward. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Release shall bind any of my assigns and representatives, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, and COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named Releasees. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE IS AN EXPRESS REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW ME TO ATTEND THE 2021 APA-IL STATE CONFERENCE AND IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO THE PERMISSION GRANTED BY RELEASEES TO BE ON PREMISES AND ATTEND THE 2021 APA-IL STATE CONFERENCE.
5. I certify that I will **not** attend the 2021 APA-IL State Conference on October 6th and 7th if I have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 (including a fever of 100.4 degrees F or greater, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell) within 14 days of the 2021 APA-IL State Conference; if I have been counseled by a health care provider or government agency or department to self-isolate/quarantine within 14 days of the 2021 APA-IL State Conference on October 6th and 7th; and if I live in the same household with someone who has exhibited symptoms in the past 14 days or has been counseled to self-isolate/quarantine in the past 14 days. Finally, I certify that if I become symptomatic while traveling to or attending the 2021 APA-IL State Conference,

I will self-isolate and notify APA-IL immediately. A refund or partial refund to allow attendance at virtual sessions will be considered.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT, THAT I AM AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, AND THAT I AM FULLY COMPETENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY THAT WILL IMPACT MY LEGAL RIGHTS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Waiver and Release on _____, 2021.

PRINTED NAME: _____

I certify and acknowledge this *Waiver of Liability and Release*