Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an effort to continuously serve members during the Club closure, Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia (the “Club”) is providing distance-based Club experiences through which Club staff will facilitate program activities through an online platform. Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia will use an application provided by a third party that members, parents/guardians and/or staff will access via the Internet and use for purposes of communication and programming. This platform is called Zoom.

This letter seeks consent for your child to utilize Zoom, or if the Club staff elect another online platform, for distance-based Club program purposes. Zoom provides an opportunity to deliver video and chat-based educational experiences to members via most devices. Please be aware that Zoom collects information about its users and has its own privacy terms and conditions to which members must adhere. Please review Zoom’s privacy terms and conditions carefully before registering your member: http://zoom.us/terms and http://zoom.us/privacy.

In order to participate in distance-based Club experiences, you will need to provide the following:

- A computer, mobile, or tablet device with access to the Internet
- A quiet space at home where members can participate in distance-based experiences under the supervision of an adult
- To register for Zoom, you will need to provide some customer data, including but not limited to: your email address and first and last name (for more information, see https://zoom.us/privacy)

We will use Zoom for the following anticipated program activities:

- Group chats
- Video conferencing
- Media sharing (for example, uploading images of artwork or other projects)
- Literacy and Stem programming
- Brain enrichment

Our commitment to keeping the young people we serve safe is always our number one priority. Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia will monitor member activity on Zoom and will make efforts to protect member information by and to the extent we reasonably can, among other things, limiting the purposes for which the online platforms may use member information; ensuring there is no advertising and that no member information is collected for commercial purposes.

Further, all activities online must comply with Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia’s safety policies, including the Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use Policy, and Internet Safety Policy, which are available at www.bgcphila.org.

Please complete the attached form to record your consent for your child’s use of Zoom or, if applicable, another similar online platform. Please return the completed form to Mare Shipton shiptonm@bgcphila.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mare Shipton
Director of Youth and Family Services

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Parent/Guardian Permission

I, _________________________________, parent/guardian of _________________________________,

Print parent/guardian name

Print member’s name

give permission for him/her to participate in distance-based online Club experiences at Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia, including via Zoom or another online learning platform. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I also release the Club and its directors and employees from any possible claims that I or the Club member printed above may have arising out of the Club’s use of Zoom or another online platform, including any claim alleging a privacy or data-related breach or other issues of any kind.

Parent/Guardian’s Email Address __________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature______________________________________________________________

Date _________________________

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