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Terms and Waiver of Liability:

Considering the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases within Johnson County, Kansas and the increasing health risk to citizens, the Sheriff has approved the emergency use of Criminalistics Laboratory (JCSOCL) personnel and equipment to decontaminate filtering facepiece respirators (FFRs) used by first responders and health care workers in Johnson County. Decontamination will be provided under the following terms and conditions.

Decontamination and subsequent reuse of FFRs (compatible N95 respirators) should only be practiced as a crisis capacity strategy when new FFRs cannot be obtained. At present, FFRs are considered one-time use, and there are no manufacturer authorized methods for FFR decontamination prior to reuse.

The decontamination of FFRs by JCSOCL personnel is an ad hoc emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and not an approved standard of care for decontaminating and reusing FFRs. Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) is viewed as a risk mitigation in times of crisis, rather than a complete decontamination. As a result, JCSOCL personnel cannot guarantee complete decontamination and FFRs should be handled carefully, and reassessed for proper fit and performance.

Decontamination services will be provided in an order determined solely by JCSOCL personnel. This will generally be on a first come, first served basis subject to need, demand and other emergent conditions. There is no guarantee that services will be available at any time, or that they will be completed in any given time frame.

This service is currently provided at no charge; however, this may change depending upon future demand for services and the anticipated expenses incurred by the Sheriff and JCSOCL personnel.

By signing below, you (and the agency or entity you represent) agree that you are waiving any possible claim for injury or damages (direct or indirect) that could conceivably arise from decontamination services performed. You are waiving all possible claims against the Sheriff, JCSOCL personnel, the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas their insurers and any of their agents or representatives.

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Printed Name

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Title/Position

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Agency/Department

Print a copy for your records

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Signature