Colby College COVID-19 Assumption of Risk Notice
(For use with visitors and for distribution by contractors working on campus.)

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a highly infectious disease. Currently, there is no vaccine for COVID-19. Its highly contagious nature means that contact with others, or time spent with individuals who have been exposed to the virus, especially in enclosed areas, can lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic, or may never become symptomatic at all, but can still transmit the virus. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes “hidden” nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where, or how someone may have been exposed to the disease.

Colby College has put in place health and safety rules and precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While acknowledging that Colby cannot guarantee that the virus will not spread, you must comply with such rules and precautions which include, but are not limited to, wearing face coverings, cooperation with contact tracing, hand washing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing. If directed to do so, you must participate in Colby’s testing protocols.

You acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another, and the inherent risks of exposure at Colby to those who may be infected with COVID-19. You understand and voluntarily assume the risk that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while on campus and that such exposure or infection presents serious health risks.

You also acknowledge that given the unknown nature of COVID-19, it is not possible to fully list each and every risk of contracting COVID-19, or cannot guarantee safety from infection. You assume full responsibility for any and all risks of illness or injury associated with exposure to COVID-19, as well as from participation in the various health and safety rules and precautions. Colby will not reimburse you for medical care resulting from COVID-19 infection, and will be responsible for any out-of-pocket medical expenses not covered by insurance, such as deductibles or co-pays.