

**Northeastern Retail Lumber Association
LBM Expo Guidelines and
Waiver of Liability Agreement**

Given the global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the resulting disease (COVID-19), there will be additional safety precautions at the LBM Expo. While participating in all events held in conjunction with LBM Expo, participants understand that NRLA is enforcing social distancing and sanitation measures and agree to comply with those obligations.

However, the NRLA cannot guarantee that participants, volunteers, vendors, partners, or others in attendance may not become infected with COVID-19. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the coronavirus is spread mainly through person-to-person contact. Studies have also shown that the novel coronavirus can survive up to three days on various surfaces. COVID-19 infections have been confirmed throughout the United States and New England. By signing all LBM Expo related materials such as contracts, registrations, and more, you are agreeing that you have carefully considered the NRLA’s protocols, facilities, practices, and programs and accept that you are safe and reasonably suited for your use and participation.

1. NRLA’s Response.

In response to the threat of COVID-19, NRLA is taking certain steps to protect its guests, including but not limited to the following:

- Requiring employees to practice sanitation with frequent handwashing.
- Strictly adhering to all CDC guidelines and those issued by the State of Rhode Island.
- Adopting practices and restrictions regarding the use of facilities and programs that are designed to create distance between guests and participants and reduce the concentration of people throughout LBM Expo.

NRLA will continue to monitor guidance from the CDC, guidance or rules from the state and local public health authorities, and orders of the Rhode Island Governor, and NRLA will update its policies and practices as it deems appropriate.

2. Your Obligations.

You acknowledge that you agree that you are personally responsible for your safety and actions while attending LBM Expo and related programs. You agree to comply with all NRLA rules, including but not limited to all policies, guidelines, signage, and instructions.

You also certify, in order to access and use NRLA facilities and premises, the following:

- You have not experienced any of the symptoms consistent with the novel coronavirus or COVID-19, including fever, chills, muscle aches, cough, shortness of breath, recent changes in sense of taste or smell, or gastrointestinal distress in the last 14 days leading up to LBM Expo
- If you have not been fully vaccinated, you have not come into “close contact” with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days leading up to LBM Expo
- If you have not been fully vaccinated, you have not come into “close contact” with anyone who has exhibited the symptoms described above in the last 14 days leading up to LBM Expo
- You have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 3 months

- If you have not been fully vaccinated,¹ you agree to self-quarantine for 10-14 days upon your arrival to the state in accordance with state requirements (out-of-state residents only)

¹ According to the CDC definition, a person is “fully vaccinated” two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson), or two weeks after the second dose of a 2-dose series (such as Pfizer or Moderna).

3. Assumption of Risk.

You understand that LBM Expo is open for use by other individuals, and that contact with other individuals may increase your risk of contracting COVID-19 and transmitting the disease to others including family or household members. You understand that that people infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic for a period of time. You also understand that even if asymptomatic, people may be capable of spreading the virus to others. However, you fully understand and appreciate both the known and potential dangers of using the facilities, services, and programs of LBM Expo and understand that use by yourself, despite NRLA’s reasonable efforts to mitigate such dangers, may result in exposure to COVID-19, which could result in exposure to COVID-19, quarantine requirements, or possibly, serious illness, disability, and/or death.

With full awareness and appreciation of the risks involved, you, for yourself and on behalf of your family, spouse, estate, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and personal representatives, release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue NRLA, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by you related to COVID-19 whether caused by the negligence of NRLA, any third-party using NRLA, or otherwise, while participating in any activity while in, on, or around NRLA and/or while using any NRLA facilities, tools, equipment, or materials or attending LBM Expo and related programs.

By signing all LBM Expo related materials such as contracts, registrations, and more, you understand that you are voluntarily giving up any legal rights or possible claims that you might otherwise assert against NRLA, its agents or employees, or any other persons or entities that are in any way related to the use or participation in NRLA’s facilities, programs, or services during LBM Expo, and that it cannot be modified in any way by the representations of any employee or agent of NRLA, or by yourself.

Read this document carefully, this document affects your legal rights.