

Welcome to DHART for LIFE

Lifestyle Improvement, Fitness & Ergonomic Program

For your safety, and to be in compliance with Dartmouth Health policies, it is a requirement to complete this Informed Consent and Release of Liability packet to actively utilize the fitness equipment located at the DHART Lebanon and Manchester Hangars. To be in compliance:

1. Download the forms and save to your desktop.
2. Complete pages 2, 3 and 4.
 - a. If you answer "no" to all of the questions on page 3, then you may omit page 5.
 - b. If you answer "yes" to one or more of the questions on page 3, we recommend you share page 5 with your medical provider to receive fitness plan guidance and return to us.
3. Submit your completed form packet (pages 2-4 or 2-5) to the **Chief Flight Nurse** and cc LifestyleImprovement@hitchcock.org.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us at LifestyleImprovement@hitchcock.org or (603) 650-5950.

Sincerely,

The Lifestyle Improvement Program Team

Policy for Participation in the DHART for LIFE
Lifestyle Improvement, Fitness & Ergonomic Program

After reviewing this policy, please sign below. Additional required forms are attached.

1. **Please keep yourself up-to-date** with the most current policies regarding infectious illness in our employees, based on the updated the [Employee Infectious Illness Policy](#) (25505). Follow the guidelines as directed by the DHART operations team.
2. **Follow all safety and ergonomic guidelines** when engaging in DHART for LIFE program resources.
 - i. For safety reasons, if you are exercising alone, let someone on the team know where you are.
 - ii. Form and function always take precedence. This program has a focus on strength and flexibility to inform proper body mechanics.
 - iii. Wipe down equipment with provided disinfectant wipes before and after use. Gloves are provided and use is recommended.
3. **Please use the provided method of tracking use of these resources.**
We have proposed that by placing the equipment and other supports in the hangars we can positively impact the wellbeing of DHART staff. Additionally, we will be able to measure the impact of placing the equipment in the hangars by monitoring changes in staff fitness levels, wellbeing measures, and a reduction of injuries.
4. **I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies as detailed in this agreement.** I understand that failure to comply with the rules may result in the revocation of privileges to use the resources.
5. **If you are based in Lebanon** and would like to also have access to the DHMC Faulkner, L2 Fitness Room, check the box below. Once your badge has been coded, you will receive a confirmation of access and specific information about using the space. To access this space a Dartmouth Health issued ID badge is required for coding and expires within six months if not utilized.

Request for Access

For access and use of the DHART for LIFE equipment.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Work Manager: _____ Work Contact Number: _____

Select the Fitness Room you are requesting access to, based on **your primary work location**:

Lebanon

DHMC Fitness Room

Manchester

Other

ID BADGE# - This is located on the back of your work ID badge.

YOUR REQUEST CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS ENTIRE SEQUENCE OF NUMBERS:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I understand that my typed name above is considered the same as my legal signature on this document.

Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q)*

Are you ready to increase your exercise or should you see your provider first?

For most people, exercising is generally safe and free from significant risks. The PAR-Q assists adults in determining whether they should start or modify their exercise routine on their own or seek medical advice first.

Please read carefully and answer yes or no to each question. Common sense is your best guide in answering these questions:

- Yes No Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should only do physical activity recommended by a healthcare provider?
- Yes No Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity?
- Yes No In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical activity?
- Yes No Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness?
- Yes No Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity?
- Yes No Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for example, water pills) for your blood pressure or heart condition?
- Yes No Do you know of any other reason why you should not do physical activity?

If you answered NO to all questions:

You can feel confident that exercising is generally safe and carries a low risk of medical complications. However, it's crucial to begin gradually and increase your activity level slowly. Consulting a health & wellness coach or another fitness expert can also be beneficial in determining the best starting point for your fitness journey.

If you answered YES to any of these questions:

It is recommended that you consult a healthcare provider before increasing your physical activity level. You can consult with them by telephone, virtually, or in person. We have enclosed a medical release form for your convenience.

*PAR-Q adapted from the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (Societe canadienne de physiologie de l'exercice— Revised 2002)

Please insert your name or initials as requested.

I, _____, acknowledge and agree that I have read and completed the PAR-Q (above).
(Insert full name)

Please check one:

_____ I have completed *the* PAR-Q form and do not need my healthcare provider's approval or guidance to start an exercise program. I do voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk for my decision to participate in fitness activities and use of equipment and machinery provided by the DHART for LIFE program.

_____ I have completed *the* PAR-Q form and have my healthcare provider's approval before beginning exercise. I agree to take full responsibility for my decision to exercise and use the equipment and machinery provided in the onsite fitness rooms.

_____ I have decided to participate without my health care provider's knowledge and do voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk for my decision to participate in fitness activities and use of equipment and machinery provided in the onsite fitness rooms.

Signature

Date

I understand that my typed name above is considered the same as my legal signature on this document.

Informed Consent Agreement and Release of Liability

I, _____, acknowledge and agree that I wish to voluntarily (i) participate in the activities and programs of the Dartmouth Health Lifestyle Improvement Program (Program) and the DHART for LIFE program (ii) use the Program's onsite facilities and equipment. **Initials:** _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the activities and programs of the Employee Wellness Lifestyle Improvement Program (Program) and to use its facilities, equipment and machinery, I waive, release and forever discharge the Lifestyle Improvement Program, Employee Wellness, DHART, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, and the Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic and their affiliates, related entities, directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, Dartmouth Health), from any and all responsibilities or liability from injuries or damages that result from my participation. **Initials:** _____

I agree on behalf of myself, and all my personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, agents, and assigns, to release and forever discharge Dartmouth Health and affiliates, related entities, directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all claims or causes of action, known or unknown, arising out of the negligence of the program, whether active or passive. This waiver and release of liability includes, without limitation, injuries or damages which may occur as a result of (a) my participation in any Program class or use of any Program facility, equipment or machinery; (b) negligent instruction or supervision, including, but not limited to Program staff, Dartmouth Health personnel, or class/fitness instructors; (c) negligent hiring or retention of employees of Dartmouth Health; (d) slipping, tripping, falling, or other bodily injury while on any portion of a Program facility including injuries resulting from Dartmouth Health or anyone else's negligent inspection or maintenance of any Program facilities, equipment or machinery; or (e) loss of personal property while participating in any Program or using any Program facility, equipment or machinery. **Initials:** _____

I understand that all employee Policies and Codes of Conduct apply while using the Program's services and onsite fitness room, its equipment, facilities, or the adjacent bathrooms/locker rooms. I also understand that failure to do so may constitute disciplinary action, including, without limitation, my suspension or termination of use of any Program fitness rooms, equipment, or facilities. **Initials:** _____

I agree and declare myself physically sound and suffering from no condition, impairment, disease, infirmity, or other illness that would prevent, or harm, my participation or use of equipment or machinery. **Initials:** _____

I acknowledge and agree that I have been informed of the possible need for a health care provider's approval for my participation in an exercise/fitness activity or in the use of exercise equipment and machinery. I agree to provide evidence of such approval upon the request of the Dartmouth Health Lifestyle Improvement Program. **Initials:** _____

I understand that strength, flexibility, and aerobic exercise, including the use of equipment and machinery, is a potentially hazardous activity and could carry the risk of serious injuries or illness, death, loss or damage to personal property, or financial loss or theft. I understand that fitness activities involve a risk of injury, and even death, and that I am voluntarily participating in these activities and using all Program facilities, equipment, and machinery with knowledge of the inherent dangers involved. I agree to voluntarily assume the full risk of all injury, death, damage, or loss of any kind arising out of my participation in any Program or use of any Program facilities, equipment, or machinery. I further agree that I am responsible for my own personal belongings while attending any Program or using any Program facility. **Initials:** _____

I further agree that in participating in any program or using any program facility, equipment or machinery, I do so at my own risk and assume the risk of any and all injury and/or damage I may suffer, whether while at a Dartmouth Health facility location or not. This includes, but is not limited to, injury or damage I may sustain while and/or resulting from use of Program facility, class, or equipment, including injuries or damages arising out of the negligence of Dartmouth Health, whether active or passive, or any Dartmouth Health affiliates, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns. My assumption of risk includes, but is not limited to, my use of any Program facility, classes, or equipment. I assume the risk of my participation in any activity in connection with the Program. **Initials:** _____

I acknowledge and agree that it has been recommended that I have a yearly, or more frequent, physical examination and/or consultation with my health care provider as to physical activity, exercise, and the use of exercise and training equipment so that I might have his/her recommendations concerning my use of these fitness activities and equipment. **Initials:** _____

I have read, understand and agree to abide by all of the rules as detailed on this agreement. I understand that failure to comply with the rules may result in the revocation of privileges to utilize the Dartmouth Health Lifestyle Improvement program fitness room or programs. **Initials:** _____

I declare myself physically sound and suffering from no condition, impairment, disease, infirmity, or other illness that would prevent, or harm, my participation in any exercise program or use of any equipment or machinery. **Initials:** _____

Signature

Date

I understand that my typed name above is considered the same as my legal signature on this document.

Save and submit your completed form to the Chief Flight Nurse and cc LifestyleImprovement@hitchcock.org.

Dear Health Care Provider,

I have recently completed the Physical Activity and Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q) as directed by the staff of the Dartmouth Health Employee Wellness Lifestyle Improvement Program.

Based on my responses, it has been suggested to have your support, guidance and approval before increasing or changing my activity level and engaging a physical fitness program using aerobic conditioning and strengthening equipment. The Lifestyle Improvement Program may provide coaching, support, and personal training, however, most activity is voluntary, unsupervised exercise at home or at a worksite fitness room.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this matter. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss regarding this program, please feel free to contact Marion Cate, manager of the Lifestyle Improvement Program at (603) 650-5950 or LifestyleImprovement@hitchcock.org.

Please review my health and functional status and indicate whether I have your consent to participate in a self-monitored activity/fitness program. Please identify any recommendations or restrictions that are appropriate for me in this exercise program (Please feel free to attach a letter detailing recommendations/ restrictions):

Patient Name: _____

No restrictions to exercise – has my approval to begin exercise program.

Able to participate, but prior to participation suggest completing a fitness evaluation for level/types of activity and specific recommendations.

Do not participate in unsupervised activity.

My other recommendations: _____

Provider Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Please return a copy of this form to the Lifestyle Improvement:

Mail:

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Employee Wellness - Level 2
Lifestyle Improvement Program
One Medical Center Drive
Lebanon, NH 03756