

**Florida Subdivision Participation Form**

Governmental Entity:Pinellas County	State: Florida
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The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity consistent with the material terms of the National Settlement Agreement with Janssen, dated July 21, 2021 (“National Janssen Settlement”)acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the National Janssen Settlement , release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the National Janssen Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Participation Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate consistent with the material terms of the National Janssen Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein pursuant to the terms of the National Janssen Settlement or pursuant to terms consistent with the National Janssen Settlement.
2. The Governmental Entity’s election to participate is specifically conditioned on participation by Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Special Districts representing 95% or more of the population (combined) of Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Special Districts in Florida. Should the combined population of the Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Special Districts in Florida that participate be less than 95% of the population (combined) of the Litigating Subdivisions and Litigating Special Districts in Florida, this Election and Release shall be deemed void and no claims shall be released.
3. The Governmental Entity’s execution of this Participation Agreement shall serve as the Governmental Entity’s acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Florida Opioid Allocation And Statewide Response Agreement dated November 15, 2021.
4. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the National Janssen Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
6. By agreeing to the terms of the National Janssen Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.

7. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the National Janssen Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the National Janssen Settlement Agreement.
9. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the National Janssen Settlement as provided therein.
10. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the National Janssen Settlement, including, but not limited to all provisions of Section IV (Release), of the Janssen Settlement and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the National Janssen Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The National Janssen Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
11. In connection with the releases provided for in the National Janssen Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

**General Release; extent.** A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether

through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the National Janssen Settlement.

12. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the National Janssen Settlement to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees, with the exception of the requisite Litigating Government participation level.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity

Signature: 

Name: Barry A. Burton

Title: Pinellas County Administrator

Date: December 2, 2021

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By:   
Office of the County Attorney