**Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine for Students, Faculty and Staff**

**Engaged in Face-to-Face Activities**

**Medical & Religious Exception Form**

*Updated June 23, 2021*

To consider your request for a medical or religious exception to the Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine Policy, please provide the following information:

I am:

Faculty

Staff

Student

Specify if other:

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**Name**:

**Email Address**:

**Phone Number**:

**Type of Request** (Medical or Religious): Choose an item.

**If a Medical Exception Request**

What medical condition(s) prevents you from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine (check all that apply)

History of medical contraindication for vaccination including severe allergy to the vaccine or components as defined by the most current recommendations of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).[[1]](#footnote-1) **Please attach supporting medical documentation from your healthcare provider.**

Current or history of a medical condition(s). Please provide a letter from a healthcare provider that describes reasons an exception is necessary related to a current or history of a medical condition(s). **Please attach supporting medical documentation.**

**If a Religious Exception Request**

Please explain in your own words how your need for a religious exception is connected to your sincerely held religious belief. Please also indicate whether you are opposed to all immunizations, and if not, the religious basis on which you object to COVID-19 immunizations. Please explain in as much detail as possible (use additional pages if necessary).

In some cases, NDMU will need to obtain additional information and/or documentation about your religious practice(s) or belief(s). We may need to have a conversation with your religion’s spiritual leader (if applicable) or religious scholars to fully understand the nature of your religious belief(s), practice(s), and accommodation to address your request for an exception. **If requested, can you provide documentation (see Page 3) to support your belief(s) and need for an accommodation?**

Yes  No

If no, please explain why.

Are you attaching any supporting documentation to this request?

Yes  No

*I certify that all information submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any intentional misrepresentation contained in this request may result in termination/dismissal (employees) and suspension/dismissal (students).*

*I understand that additional requirements, including submitting a COVID-19 pre-arrival test, participation in COVID-19 surveillance testing, masking while indoors, social distancing, etc., may be required if my exemption request is granted.*

*I also understand that my request may not be granted if it is not reasonable or if it creates an undue hardship on my employer/academic environment.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Examples of Religious Documentation**

* A letter from religious/spiritual leader, member, or person with personal knowledge from the religious organization attended by the requestor explaining the doctrine/beliefs that prohibit all immunizations and/or the COVID-19 immunization;
* Literature from the religious organization or other writings and sources upon which the requestor has relied in formulating their religious beliefs that prohibit all immunizations and/or the COVID-19 immunization;
* Copies of previous statements submitted to other employers, institutions of higher education, and/or school districts explaining the requestor’s religious basis for refusing immunization; and
* Any documents or other information the requestor may be willing to provide that reflect their sincerely held religious objection to immunization and/or the COVID-19 immunization.

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/contraindications.html>

   <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)