

Regis University
Division of Student Affairs/Student Health Services
Request for Religious Exemption/Accommodation
Related to COVID- 19 Vaccine

With intent to equitably enforce the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) mandate for city employees and personnel in high risk settings (issued September 1, 2021) across students, student employees, employees, and Faculty, Regis University is updating its Request for Religious Exemption/Accommodation Related to COVID-19 Vaccine. Its purpose is to assist in establishing the religious basis for your request on the basis of a sincerely held religious belief, however its completion is not a guarantee of an exception to the University exception. **Philosophical, political, scientific, sociological objections or personal preferences to immunizations do not justify consideration for a religious exemption/ accommodation.**

In order to qualify for the religious exemption, students are required to provide a written and signed statement below objecting to immunization due to sincere and genuine religious beliefs which prohibit immunization.

The statement **must** address **all** of the following elements:

1. Explain in your own words why you are requesting this religious exemption/accommodation.
2. Describe the religious principles that guide your objection to COVID-19 immunization.
3. Describe how your religious beliefs conflict with receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.
4. Indicate whether you are opposed to all immunizations, and if not, the religious basis that prohibits the COVID-19 immunization.
5. Indicate whether you have ever used, or plan to use, Tylenol, Pepto Bismol, Aspirin, Tums, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, Sudafed, Albuterol, Preparation H, the MMR Vaccine, Acetaminophen, Claritin, Zoloft, or Prilosec OTC.

Student Affairs will notify you as to the approval or denial of your request. If your request is approved, an alternative/accommodation to the vaccine will be provided to you which may include masking, required testing, social distancing, or other safety protocols. If your request is not approved, you will be expected to comply with the vaccination mandate or face disciplinary action with possible outcomes ranging from fines, probation, and up to and including suspension.

To Be Completed by Student Requesting Religious Exemption/Accommodation from the COVID-19 vaccine:

Student Name: _____ **Date of Request:** _____
Student Id: _____
Regis Email: _____
Contact Number: _____

Please document below or attach a separate document explaining why you are requesting a Religious Exemption/Accommodation to the COVID-19 vaccine:

Verification

I understand that Regis University requires a COVID-19 vaccination for all students engaging in-person at any Regis University property. I hereby certify that I believe that I have a sincerely held religious belief that necessitates a religious exemption/accommodation from this vaccination requirement.

I verify that the information I am submitting in support of my request for a religious exemption/accommodation from the COVID-19 vaccine is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any misrepresentation contained in this request may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

I also understand that my request for a religious exemption/accommodation from the COVID-19 vaccine may not be granted if it is not reasonable, if it poses a direct threat to the health and/or safety of others and/or to me, or if it creates an undue hardship on Regis University.

I acknowledge I can review evidence-based vaccine information at www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education; <http://www.spreadthefacts.com/> and www.ImmunizeForGood.com for additional information on the benefits and risks of vaccines and the diseases they prevent.

Signature: _____

Students please return completed form for review to RUSHS@regis.edu within 5 business days..