



REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM COVID-19 VACCINATION

Keystone College is committed to building a welcoming, safe environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

If your religious beliefs or practices conflict with Keystone College’s COVID-19 vaccination requirement, please provide the following information.

Please print the following information:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Please explain in your own words why you are seeking a religious exemption, the religious principles that guide your objection to immunization, and please indicate whether you are opposed to all immunizations, and if not, the religious basis on which you object to COVID-19 immunizations. (Please attach additional written pages or other supporting materials to validate your request. Some examples of supporting materials are listed).

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Verification and Accuracy

I verify that the above information I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any intentional misrepresentation contained in this request may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension/dismissal. My request for an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement is based upon my religious beliefs. I understand that my request for an exemption may not be granted if it creates undue risk to the public health and safety for the Keystone College community.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

Signature of parent or guardian (If student is under age 18)

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Confidentiality of Information Provided

Requests for exemptions and any documents provided will be kept confidential and shared only with those Keystone College employees who have a need to know.

Summary of Next Steps

Scan and send this completed form to carla.salsman@keystone.edu

1. This request will be reviewed and acknowledged by Keystone College.
2. If after reviewing the request, Keystone College is unable to make a determination because of inadequate information or questions remain about the religious nature or the sincerity of a particular belief or practice, Keystone College may, at its sole discretion, request additional information.
3. After review, you will be notified of the decision regarding your requested religious exemption.
4. If you are granted a religious exemption, you will be required to undergo ongoing COVID-19 surveillance testing (the frequency of the testing will be determined by Keystone College), in addition to observing all COVID-19 health and safety protocols, which include, but is not limited to: wearing a mask on campus and social distancing.
5. Keystone College will reconsider a denial only if you bring forth new information supporting your request. For reconsideration of a denial, please contact the Health and Wellness Coordinator.

Examples of Supporting Documentation*

- A letter from religious/spiritual leader with knowledge about the religious organization attended by the requestor explaining the doctrine/belief 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 institutions of higher education, and/or school districts explaining the requestor's religious basis for refusing immunization.
- 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.

***Please Note:** All supporting documents must be notarized for validity.

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