

STATEMENT OF CREED/RELIGIOUS BELIEF

MANDATORY VACCINATION FOR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

SECTION 1 - REQUESTER INFORMATION				
Last Name			First Name	
Carleton University ID (CUID) Number or Employee Number (if applicable)				
Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name		P.O. Box
City/Town		Province/State	Country	Postal Code
SECTION 2 - PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION (FOR INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)				
Last Name			First Name	
Telephone Number			Email Address	
SECTION 3 – DECLARATION OF REQUESTER				
<p><i>Please explain within the text box below or by way of an attached letter why you are unable to be vaccinated due to your religion/creed. Please ensure you provide background on your religious belief/creed and connect the religious belief/creed to the reason you are requesting an exemption. If possible, please provide supporting documentation published by religious leaders or others practicing your religion/creed.</i></p>				

SECTION 4 - DECLARATION OF RELIGIOUS LEADER OR WITNESS <i>(witness may be a parent or guardian)</i>

I,

(Name of religious leader, parent, or guardian)

certify that, due to a religious belief and/or creed, the named person should be exempted from the requirements of Carleton University for persons attending University campus or events to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with a Health Canada-approved vaccine.

Please state the reason(s) for the accommodation request here.
Please describe the religious belief(s) and/or creed(s) that preclude the person from being vaccinated.

SECTION 5 – SIGNATURE OF RELIGIOUS LEADER OR WITNESS

Name of Religious Leader or Witness

Business Address

Unit Number	Street Number	Street Name	P.O. Box
City/Town	Province/State/Country		Postal Code
Signature of Religious Leader or Witness			Date

SECTION 6 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION (PLEASE READ)

Carleton University (“Carleton”) requires that all persons attending University campus or events be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have a valid exemption.

In order to receive a valid exemption for non-medical reasons, the person (or their parent or legal guardian if the person is under the age of 18) must complete this Statement of Creed/Religious Belief form and have it sworn or affirmed before a Commissioner of Oaths.

The person/parent/legal guardian must submit the properly completed form to covidinfo@carleton.ca.

Risks of not being vaccinated:

You may be more likely to be exposed to the COVID-19 virus than others if you live in a group setting or participate in group activities in closed/crowded spaces where the COVID-19 virus may transmit more easily.

COVID-19 can result in severe illness. Those who are at particular risk of developing more severe disease or outcomes from COVID-19 are people:

- **who are an older adult (increasing risk with each decade, especially over 60 years)**
- **of any age with chronic medical conditions, including: lung disease, heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, dementia, or stroke**
- **of any age who are immunocompromised, including those with an underlying medical condition, such as cancer or those taking medications which lower the immune system, such as chemotherapy**
- **living with obesity, such as having a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or higher**

Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect our families, communities and ourselves against COVID-19. Evidence indicates that vaccines are effective at preventing serious outcomes, such as severe illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. A growing body of evidence indicates that people fully vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) are less likely to have asymptomatic infection or to transmit COVID-19 to others.

Sources: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html#vaccination>;
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/fully-vaccinated-people.html>

I, _____ am a person who wishes to attend Carleton University campus or events and make oath or solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. The requirements of Carleton’s mandatory vaccination policy for persons attending University campus or events conflict with my sincerely held convictions based on my creed/religion.
2. I understand that should an outbreak occur, Ottawa Public Health or Carleton may impose additional restrictions or requirements on me/my child for health and safety reasons which may not apply to others on campus who have been fully vaccinated.
3. I understand that Carleton University may require me/my child to follow additional health and safety protocols, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Mandatory COVID testing and disclosure of test results (please see Appendix 1);
 - b. Masking and/or physical distancing; and/or
 - c. Remote working/learning.
4. I understand that I/my child may choose to be vaccinated at a later date and that Carleton intends to host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on campus.
5. I request that I/my child be exempted from the vaccination requirements of Carleton.

SECTION 6 – SIGNATURE OF COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

**SWORN OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED
before me**

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<p>at</p> <hr/> <p>(Municipality)</p> <hr/> <p>(Province/State)</p> <hr/> <p>(Country)</p> <p>on</p> <hr/> <p>(dd/mm/yyyy)</p> <hr/> <p>Signature of Commissioner of Oaths</p> <hr/> <p>Type or print name if signature is illegible</p>	<hr/> <p>Signature of Requester (Parent/Legal Guardian if under 18)</p>
<p>As per section 366 of the Criminal Code, it is an offence to make a false document, knowing it to be false, with intent that a person should be induced, by the belief that it is genuine, to do or to refrain from doing anything.</p>	

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Carleton University Act* and will be used to determine the qualification of the person identified on this form for an exemption from the requirements of Carleton University's Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager, Privacy and Access to Information at university.privacy.office@carleton.ca or by phone at 613-520-2600 extension 2047. Carleton University complies with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Appendix 1 -

COVID-19 Rapid Testing and Test Disclosure Protocol

All individuals who are not fully vaccinated (including those who have been granted a medical or religious/creed exemption) are required to participate in this COVID-19 Rapid Testing and Test Disclosure Protocol to attend University campus or participate in University events.

Protocol

1. Individuals must be tested at least twice a week to attend campus.
2. Testing will occur at a designated location on campus.
3. Individuals will book their appointment through cuScreen based on availability and their schedule.
4. The test screening will be administered by Health and Counselling.
5. Individuals must wait for the test result before going anywhere else on campus.
6. Test results will be communicated through cuScreen.
7. Individuals who test positive must complete a PCR test. The individual must return to their place of residence, await the PCR test results and follow public health directions.
8. Participants must consent to the disclosure of test results through cuScreen. Testing information will be kept confidential in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

Please Note: Participants must test at least twice a week– there are no other options for rapid testing. Failure to appear or participate in rapid testing will be treated as a violation and the individual will NOT be permitted to attend University campus or attend University events, and may be subject to disciplinary measures.