

## Religious, Moral, and Ethical Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

### **The right to refuse medical treatment**

My individual right of bodily integrity and my right to refuse medical treatments—particularly, but not exclusively, experimental ones—for religious, moral, ethical, and medical reasons, is protected by federal law and regulatory policy. In most cases, my rights are also protected in state law.

The [FDA's guidance on emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) of medical products requires the FDA to “ensure that recipients are informed to the extent practicable given the applicable circumstances...[t]hat they have the option to accept or refuse the EUA product....” With respect to the emergency use of an unapproved product, the [Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act](#) [Title 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(e)(1)(A)(ii)(I-III)] reiterates that individuals be informed of “the option to accept or refuse administration of the product, [and] of the consequences, if any, of refusing administration of the product, and of the alternatives to the product that are available and of their benefits and risks.” Moreover, the [National Research Act of 1974](#) requires protection for human subjects from harm, undue injustice, and coercion, which necessitates fully informed consent for unapproved, experimental treatments. EUA products are unapproved, unlicensed, and experimental. Under the Nuremberg Code—the foundation of modern ethical medicine—no one can be forced or coerced to participate in a medical experiment.

In addition, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has previously stated that institutions which mandate vaccines are subject to reporting requirements and legal liability for adverse events. These federal statutory laws pose potential financial and legal penalties if institutions unduly pressure employees and/or students to accept what are classified as experimental medicines.

In summary, forced or coerced vaccination is a violation of my bodily integrity and therefore, is unethical and intrusive. Forced or coerced vaccination can also make institutions legally liable for damages that result from adverse events, including injury, permanent disability, and death.

### **The duty to refuse an illicitly derived treatment**

As a Christian, I believe it is immoral for any institution to base, in whole or in part, an individual's access to employment and/or education on receiving a medication derived from an abortion. The design, production, or testing of vaccines using the remains of aborted human beings, who did not consent to be experimented on and whose body parts were trafficked to provide the means for vaccine creation, is morally unacceptable.

[All of the COVID-19 vaccine products currently available](#) in the U.S. under the FDA's EUA were produced using aborted fetal cell lines, tested using aborted fetal cell lines, or both.

As a Christian, I oppose the trafficking and commodification of human beings at all stages of life, born and pre-born. I cannot, in good conscience, participate or accept practices that

perpetuate and encourage the relationship between abortion, biomedical science, and human trafficking, no matter when that connection was initiated or how long a practice has been socially accepted.

Humans are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). Christians have a duty to honor and care for the body God has given us as a temple of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:20, 1 Corinthians 10:31). Therefore, to force or coerce a person to administer a substance into their body against their will is a violation of their personhood. Forced or coerced vaccination is also a violation of the dignity of the human person, because freedom of religion and freedom of conscience are fundamental to human dignity.

Moreover, decisions regarding vaccination must be determined by the individual and the family, not by the jurisdiction of the State or any other authority, according to biblical mandate (Romans 13:1).

I have a right to uphold my own bodily integrity and moral conscience and a right to refuse medical treatment. All humans also have a right not to be trafficked, commodified, and/or experimented on without their consent—born and pre-born—and to refuse to participate in acts that permit these violations to continue.

**As such, I am requesting a religious, moral, and ethical exemption from this institution's COVID-19 vaccine policy based on my sincerely held personal religious, moral, and ethical beliefs.**

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Name

Date

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