

**Covid-19 Vaccination/Booster Exemption  
Request Form for  
Sincerely Held Religious Belief**

**Participant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Name:** Minors in Labs

**Specific Minors in Labs Program:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[A] UMSL's – STARS (Students and Teachers as Scientists) Program</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[F] High School Student Volunteering in Research Lab (no formal program affiliation)</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[B] St. Louis Science Center – YES (Youth Exploring Sciences) Program</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[G] Science Fair Project (that is part of an official school program – must complete High School information below)</b>         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[C] St. Louis Zoo Active ALIVE (Leaders In Volunteer Education) Program</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[H] Area High School Research Project (required for high school grade/credit – must complete High School information below)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[D] Rockwood School District Project Interface</b>                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>[E] National Science Foundation (NSF) Program (specify):</b><br>_____       |   |

**Sincerely Held Religious Belief:** A sincerely held religious belief is one that is either part of a traditional, organized religion such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, and Buddhism as well as non-theistic moral or ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views. Social, political or personal preferences do not qualify as a religious belief for purposes of this exemption.

1. Describe the sincerely held religious belief that prohibits you from receiving the vaccination to Covid-19:

2. Describe whether and how this religious belief has precluded you from receiving vaccinations to other diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella or the seasonal flu shot?

3. If you have received other vaccinations, please explain how or why the Covid-19 vaccine is different under your religious belief than the other available vaccines to other diseases that you have received. If you have received prior COVID-19 vaccinations, please explain how or why the COVID-19 booster is different under your religious belief than the J&J, Pfizer or Moderna series with which you had been inoculated previously.

*Please upload any additional supporting materials you wish the committee to review as part of your request. Your request will be decided based this form and any supporting documentation so it is critical you have fully set forth all information you wish to be considered.*

**Attestation:** I attest that the statements above are true and accurate and understand that submitting false information on this official University form would violate University policy and subject me to sanctions including potential removal from the University.

Participant Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit your exemption paperwork/documentation to [vaccineexemption@slu.edu](mailto:vaccineexemption@slu.edu) at least two weeks prior to the start of your program.**