

Friends' Central School

Request for Religious Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination

The health, safety and well-being of our Friends' Central School (FCS) community is a top priority. By the start of the 2022-23 school year, all students eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine must be fully up to date with Covid vaccination(s) or must have been granted a medical or religious exemption in order to be on-site at Friends' Central School or to attend any FCS events on-site or off-site. We believe this is the most prudent position to take in order to meet our obligation to provide as safe a school community as possible. Exemptions and accommodations for medical and religious reasons will be made in accordance with applicable laws.

A religious exemption may be granted if (i) the individual holds sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the practice of vaccination, (ii) completes this form, and (iii) provides any additional documentation supporting the request that the School requires. Individuals with religious exemptions may be required to submit to periodic COVID-19 testing and other preventive measures, as specified at the time the exemption is approved and as may be updated by later notification.

If an exemption is granted, the School will make efforts to reasonably accommodate the individual while maintaining a safe environment for school community members, visitors, and others. Reasonable accommodations may include additional infection prevention and control measures, among other things.

To request a religious exemption from the required COVID-19 vaccination, please complete this form and return it to Head of School Beth Johnson (bjohnson@friendscentral.org) & Associate Head of School Alexa Quinn (aquinn@friendscentral.org) **no later than August 22, 2022**. Upon receipt of the completed form, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss your request.

Student's name:
Current grade:
Name of parent/guardian/caregiver completing this form:
Preferred email address:
Preferred phone number:

In the space below, please provide a personal written and signed statement detailing the religious basis for a vaccination objection for the above named student, explaining why you are requesting the religious exemption, the religious principle(s) that guide your objections to vaccination, and the religious basis that prohibits the COVID-19 vaccination. Please attach additional documentation, if necessary.

- I request exemption for the above named student from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement due to sincere religious beliefs. I understand and assume the risks of non-vaccination. I accept full responsibility for the health of the above named student, thus removing liability from Friends' Central with respect to the required vaccinations.
- I understand that as the student named above is not vaccinated, in order to protect the above named student's health and the health of the FCS community, I will comply with any assigned COVID-19 testing requirements and other preventive guidance.
- Should the above named student contract COVID-19, I will immediately report it to Health Services by email at healthservices@friendscentral.org and comply with all isolation and quarantine procedures specified by the School.
- I certify that the information I have provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsified information can lead to termination of the enrollment contract. I further understand that Friends' Central School is not required to provide this exemption if doing so would pose a direct threat to the health and safety of the above named student or others in the school community -or would create an undue hardship for Friends' Central School.

Parent/guardian/caregiver signature

Date