

STUDENT STATEMENT OF CREED/RELIGIOUS BELIEF
MANDATORY VACCINATION

INFORMATION OF PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name	PO Box
City/Town:		Province:	Postal Code:
Student ID #		If a student, please indicate whether you are a student of:	
		<input type="radio"/> Western University <input type="radio"/> Brescia University College <input type="radio"/> Huron University College <input type="radio"/> King's University College	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

Western University ("Western") and its affiliate university colleges Brescia, Huron and King's (collectively, the "affiliates") require that all students and employees who attend on campus to be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have a valid exemption.

In order to receive a valid exemption for non-medical reasons, a student must complete this Statement of Creed/Religious Belief form and have it sworn or affirmed before a Commissioner of Oaths.

The student must submit the properly completed form to vaxinfo@uwo.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 student of Western or the affiliates and make oath or solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. The requirements of COVID Vaccination Policies of Western and the affiliates conflict with my sincerely held convictions based on my creed/religion.

Please state the reason(s) for the accommodation request here.

Please describe the religious belief(s) and/or creed(s) that preclude you from being vaccinated.

2. I understand that should an outbreak occur, the Middlesex-London Public Health, Western and/or the affiliates may impose additional restrictions or requirements on me for health and safety reasons which may not apply to other individuals on campus who have been fully vaccinated.
3. I understand that Western and the affiliates will require me to be tested as set out in their COVID-19 Vaccination Policies and that I will be required to disclose my test results to Western in order to attend on campus.
4. I understand that Western and the affiliates may require me to follow additional health and safety protocols, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Masking and/or physical distancing; and/or
 - b. Remote working/learning
5. I understand that I may choose to be vaccinated at a later date and that Western intends to host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on campus.
6. I request that I be exempted from the vaccination requirements of Western and the affiliates.

SWORN OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED before me

at

(municipality)

in

(Province, State, or Country)

on

(dd/mm/yyyy)

Signature of Individual/Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Commissioner of Oaths

Type or print name if signature is illegible

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

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the University of Western Ontario Act, 1982 (as amended), and will be used to determine the qualification of the employee identified on this form for non-medical exemption from the requirements of Western and the affiliates' COVID-19 Vaccination Policies. Questions about this collection should be directed to Associate Legal Counsel (Privacy), 1151 Richmond Street, London, Ontario, N6A 3K7, (519)661-2111 ext. 84543, privacy.office@uwo.ca.