**NEIU COVID-19 Religious Exemption Form**

**Instructions:** Read the entire form. Please complete this form electronically. This form can be submitted via the health portal, email to [health-services@neiu.edu](mailto:health-services@neiu.edu), fax: 773-442-5808, or delivered to Student Health Services at E-051.

**Illinois Administrative Code 77-694.210 Religious Exemption**

The objection must set forth the specific religious belief that conflicts with the immunization. The religious objection may be personal and need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. General philosophical or moral reluctance to allow immunizations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exception to statutory requirements.

An individual may be exempted from the COVID-19 vaccination requirements upon acceptance from the Student Health Services (SHS) department by providing SHS: a written statement, the signed acknowledgement to comply with COVID-19 testing requirements, and conduct weekly COVID-19 testing. SHS reserves the right to decline a request if the written statement does not meet the requirements stated above.

**Individual’s Information**

| Last Name: |  | First Name: |  | NEIU ID: |  |
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| Describe your religious exemption: | | | | | |

**Testing Requirement**

All individuals returning to university property or facilities who are not fully vaccinated, despite approval of a religious exemption, are required to test weekly for COVID-19 until notified by SHS or HR. Anyone who is typically 100% remote but needs to come to campus will need to test at least 72 hours prior to coming to campus. Test results must be submitted to SHS. Non-compliance with weekly testing or intermittent testing requirements may result in disciplinary actions.

**Acknowledgement**

By signing this form, electronically or otherwise, the student or employee verifies the understanding of this document and its full content; verifies the understanding that the request for a religious exemption may not be granted; verifies that compliance is mandatory.

| NEIU Student or Employee Signature: |  | Date: |  |
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**Disclaimer**

* Anyone who states they are 100% remote will need to provide a new exemption request each semester
* Acceptance to religious exemptions can be voided if and when there are changes in regulations
* Any change in status will void latest acceptance and require a new exemption request

**Religious Exemption Notification**

No individual is required to have an immunization that is contrary to their religious beliefs. However, not following vaccination recommendations may endanger the health or life of the unvaccinated individual, others with whom they come in contact, and individuals in the community. In a disease outbreak, or after exposure to any of the diseases for which immunization is required, the university may exclude individuals who are not vaccinated in order to protect others.