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RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION REQUEST

Name of Student: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18): _____

This form is for you to use in applying for a religious exemption to Elmira College’s COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Its purpose is to establish the religious basis for your request since the College permits exemptions on the basis of a sincere religious belief.¹ Philosophical, political, scientific, or sociological objections to vaccination do not justify an exemption.

Students requesting a religious exemption must submit a written and signed statement from themselves (or their parent or guardian if the student is under 18) which states the objection to vaccination due to sincere and genuine religious beliefs which prohibit the vaccination. In some cases, the College will need to obtain additional information and/or documentation about your religious practice(s) or belief(s). The College may also need to discuss the nature of your religious belief(s), practice(s) and potential accommodation with your religion’s spiritual leader (if applicable) or religious scholars to address your request for an exemption in some cases.

In the area provided below, please write your statement. The statement **must** address **all** of the following elements:

- Explain in your own words why you are requesting this religious exemption.
- Describe the religious principles that guide your objection to vaccination.
- Indicate whether you are opposed to all vaccinations, and if not, the religious basis that prohibits particular vaccinations.

You may attach to this form additional written pages or other supporting materials if you so choose.

I hereby affirm the truthfulness of the forgoing statement and have reviewed the informational vaccination materials provided at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html.

Signature (Parent/Guardian if student is under 18)

Date

¹ Students who have not received and/or do not maintain a current COVID-19 vaccination on the basis of religious exemption may be required to adhere to additional health and safety measures and/or their participation in College events and activities may be limited.