



Statement of Religious/Indigenous Belief for COVID-19 Vaccination

SECTION 1 – REQUESTER INFORMATION	
Last Name	First Name
Keyano College Student ID Number	
Email:	
Phone:	

SECTION 2 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pursuant to Provincial guidance, Keyano College (KC), effective September 27, 2021, will require that all students attending its campuses be vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 unless they have a valid exemption. An exemption may be requested on grounds protected under the *Alberta Human Rights Act* (the “Act”). This form relates to those seeking an exemption due to religious beliefs, as defined under that *Act* and at law.

In order to request an exemption for reasons related to religious beliefs, a student/must complete this form and submit the entire completed form to Keyano College directly. Only completed forms will be reviewed by Keyano College.

The properly completed form must be submitted to:

For students: vaccinationinfo@keyano.ca

If an exemption is approved, it will remain in effect for the period of time specified by Keyano College. Any exemptions will be subject to the requirements outlined below and any other conditions specified by Keyano College. Should an exemption request be denied, you will be informed as soon as possible.

By submitting this form, I am asking that I/my child be exempted from vaccination requirements due to a religious belief.



1. I understand that should an outbreak occur, Alberta Health Services or Keyano College may impose additional restrictions or requirement on me/my child for health and safety reasons which may not apply to others on campus who have been fully vaccinated.
2. I understand that Keyano College may require me/my child to follow additional health and safety protocols, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Mandatory COVID testing and disclosure of test results;
 - b. Masking and/or physical distancing;
 - c. Remote working/learning; or
 - d. May be placed on a leave of absence or temporarily suspended from their program.
3. I accept full responsibility for my / my child's health.
4. I understand and agree to comply with and abide by any future or current Keyano College COVID-19 policies and procedures, as amended from time to time.
5. I certify that the information below was completed by myself/my child, my/my child's religious/belief leader, and/or the witness identified below.
6. I certify that the information below and attached is accurate and complete. I understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action including expulsion or termination of employment/services/contract if any of the information I provided in support of this exemption request is false.

Signature of Student/Parent/Legal Guardian	Date
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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 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>

Please provide this form to your religious/cultural/spiritual leader. Parents or guardians may present this form to their religious/cultural/spiritual leader on behalf of their children.

SECTION 3 – DECLARATION OF STUDENT

Please explain within the text box below or by way of an attached letter why you are unable to be vaccinated due to your belief system. Please ensure you provide background on your belief system and connect the belief to the reason you are requesting an exemption. If possible, please provide supporting documentation published by religious/cultural/spiritual leader or others practicing your belief system.

SECTION 4 – DECLARATION OF RELIGIOUS/CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL LEADER

I, _____
(Name of religious/cultural/spiritual leader)

Certify that, due to my belief system, the named person should be exempted from the requirements of Keyano College for persons attending on-campus activities to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with a Health Canada-approved or WHO-approved vaccine.

Please state the reason(s) for the accommodation request here.
Please describe the belief(s) that preclude the person from being vaccinated.

SECTION 4 – Signature of religious/cultural/spiritual leader		
Name of religious/cultural/spiritual leader and associated Institution (if any)		
Business Address		
Address		
City/Town	Province	Postal Code
Signature of religious/cultural/spiritual leader		Date

SECTION 6 – SIGNATURE OF COMMISSIONER OF OATHS	
<p>SWORN OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED before me at</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Municipality)</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Province)</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Country)</p> <p>On</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(dd/mm/yyyy)</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Commissioner of Oaths</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Print name</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Student/Staff</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be protected under Part 2 of that Act. It will be used for the purpose of processing your request for an exemption from COVID-19 based on a protected ground as stated in the Alberta Human Rights Acts, and in compliance with Keyano College's commitment to a safe campus. Questions concerning the collection, use, and disposal of this information should be directed to the FOIP Coordinator at foip@keyano.ca

SECTION 4 – APPROVAL (Office use only)

The accommodation request is approved denied

Comments:

HR Director/Director, Student Services

Date