

GUIDANCE ON RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS

HISTORY ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious exemptions go back to the founding of this nation with deference to religion. The first amendment was clearly the first and most important to the founding of this nation. The first was religious pluralism. The point being: you can be any religion you want, and you can practice it however you want.

WARTIME AND THE SUPREME COURT

During war time in the United States people were allowed to not participate in the war if they had a sincerely held religious belief.

In the 1960's we saw the antiwar movement. The Supreme Court upheld a broader religious belief founded in deeply held moral convictions. People were excluded in the draft for religious reasons, even in times of war. Conscientious objection to military service refers to the position taken by individuals who oppose participation in war on the basis of their religious, moral, or ethical beliefs.

Because of the broader United States Supreme Court ruling in the 1960's, you don't even have to believe in god to have a religious exemption. You can even be an atheist.

HOW THE COVID SHOT IS DIFFERENT

In the case of the covid shot, someone may be against putting a foreign substance in their body for sincerely held *religious, moral, or ethical* beliefs. Previous vaccines were made with a dead cell or a live cell particle. Your religious objection to the shot is not founded on the mandate per se, but on the material they intend to inject your body with.

The covid shot is different. It's a manmade copy of spikes in the molecules in the cells of the virus. It's a synthetic and man-made version. It is a completely artificial foreign substance that you are being asked to inject into your body. ***You may have a deeply held morally conviction against this.***

RELIGIOUS BELIEF RETALIATION AND INTERROGATION

It is not appropriate for any of your religious exemptions to be rejected. You also do not have to submit to interrogation interviews. If you are being retaliated against in the following ways, you may have a 1st Amendment case:

- Your exemption was rejected.
- You have been demoted, fired, transferred, or put on leave.
- You have been harassed, bullied, mocked, coerced, and/or interrogated.
- You have been terminated or disciplined after submitting your exemption.

HOW CAN YOU ARTICULATE THIS SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS, MORAL, OR ETHICAL BELIEF?

You are entitled to a religious exemption against mandatory vaccination for Covid-19 on the basis of my deeply and sincerely held moral belief that your body is endowed by your creator with natural processes to protect you and that its natural integrity cannot ethically be violated by the administration of artificially created copies of genetic material, foreign to nature and experimental. This moral objection is in keeping with your rights of conscience articulated by the United States Supreme Court in *Welsh v. U.S.* (1970) 398 U.S. 333, 339–340.

Your entitlement to exemption is also mandated by your sincere religious conviction that God has created my body in His image and it is the temple of His Holy Spirit on earth. Therefore, it must not internally receive unnatural materials created by man because it is an invasion of bodily integrity.

In addition, you are informed that the vaccines in general application were derived, in part, by the use and exploitation of fetal material derived from fetal tissue derived from aborted human beings; something deeply morally offensive and contrary to my most fundamental religious values.

Discrimination against you on the basis of your religious values and rights of conscience is contrary to law and the Civil Rights Act. Disparate treatment of you on this basis is not permitted under State and federal law.