

To Whom It May Concern,

I am seeking an exemption from \_\_\_\_\_'s requirements related to the COVID-19 virus. I have sincerely held religious beliefs that make it impossible for my child to comply with your COVID-19 policies related to vaccines and mask wearing.

Louisiana law offers robust and broad protections for students' and parents' religious and philosophical objections to certain state public health policies; and I write to assert my religious and philosophical objections to the COVID vaccine, which are explicitly protected by state law. La. Rev. Stat. §17:170 (E). The Louisiana State Constitution, La. Const. art. I, § 8, the Louisiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act., La. Rev. Stat. §13:5231, et seq., also protect the exercise of my religion.

I believe that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that I am called to honor God in how I care for my body. *See* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. I believe that each person is created in the image of God. *See* Genesis 1:26. I also believe that people are relational beings and that these relationships mirror the relationship between God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. *See* Genesis 2:18, Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 8:6. I believe that Christians are called to communicate God's words and message of love to the world. *See* Luke 9:2.

I have religious objections to the COVID vaccine: first, because I object on religious grounds to forcing my child to participate in any medical experiment; and second, because I have religious objections to injecting my child with a product that uses fetal stem cell lines in its development or testing. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not licensed any of the COVID vaccines – all vaccines are currently available only under emergency use authorization; they are still experimental. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(e)(1)(A)(ii)(III). Also, each COVID vaccine uses fetal stem cell lines in either their development or testing. The vaccines (BNT162b2 by Pfizer-BioNTech, mRNA-1273 by Moderna, and Ad26.COV2.S by Janssen) were all manufactured or tested using cell lines derived from an abortion in 1972 (HEK-293) and an abortion in 1985 (PER.C6). *See* David Prentice, Ph.D., *COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates and Abortion-Derived Cell Lines*, Charlotte Lozier Institute, (June 2, 2021), <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>. The use of fetal stem cell lines in the development or testing of these vaccines violates my deeply held beliefs about: first, honoring God by what I inject into my body; and second, advocating for the protection of sacred life.

I also write to state my religious objections to a mask mandate in our school. I do not consent to forcing a face covering on my child, who is created in the image of God. Masks lead to anti-social behaviors, interfere with religious commands to share God's love with others, and interfere with relationships in contravention of the Bible.

Sincerely,

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Name