

## Medical Exemptions

If you are requesting an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for medical reasons, you are required to submit the COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Exemption form completed by a licensed healthcare provider such as a Medical Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant.

Requests for consideration for a medical exemption must be submitted through the [COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Exemption form](#) by **January 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. EST**.

Reasons for a medical exemption include:

- Documented history of severe allergic reaction to a component of each currently available COVID-19 vaccine.
- Documented history of severe or immediate-type hypersensitivity allergic reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine, and separate contraindication to other available formulations.
- Receiving immunosuppressive (weakens the immune system) treatment and advised by a medical provider to defer vaccination until a future date.

Examples of conditions that are **NOT** considered for a medical exemption include:

- History of COVID-19 infection or positive antibody screen is not considered a substitute for vaccination.
- History of severe allergic reactions to foods, latex, pets, insects, and environmental triggers.
- Fear of needles.
- History of vaccine side effects or general avoidance of vaccines.

Requests for exemptions will be reviewed and decisions will be released through the secure messaging function of the Medica Patient Portal.

## Religious Exemptions

If you hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs that are contrary to COVID-19 vaccination, you may request exemption from the vaccination requirement by submitting a written statement through the [COVID-19 Vaccine Religious Exemption Request form](#) by **January 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. EST**.

Requests for Exemptions must include a Wellness Center [Authorization for Release of Information form](#) to release vaccination records to the SUNY Cobleskill COVID-19 Vaccination Exemption Review Committee.

**Note on Forms:** Save the PDF file to your computer before beginning to edit, then save to your computer again once you've filled out the form. Otherwise, you may risk losing your information.