

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FORM

ADULT INDIVIDUAL- COMPLETE THIS SECTION

NOTE: This form is required for all students entering the university when the adult individual is requesting a religious exemption on or after April 26, 2021.

This form may NOT be used for personal or philosophical reasons. Massachusetts law does not allow for such exemptions.

Student Name _____ Student Banner ID: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

DOB: _____ Telephone number: _____ Student Email: _____
Month Day Year

Exemptions requested for (mark all that apply):

Hepatitis B Tdap MMR Varicella Meningococcal COVID-19

To receive an exemption to vaccination, an adult individual must provide a statement attesting that they have sincerely held religious beliefs that prevent the student from receiving each required school vaccination being requested. If additional space is needed, attach additional page(s).

Religious Exemption Notice: No adult individual is required to have an immunization that is contrary to their sincerely held religious beliefs. However, it is the opinion of the BSU Wellness Center that not following vaccination recommendations may endanger the health or life of the unvaccinated student, others with whom they come in contact, and individuals in the community.

- I am aware of the procedures BSU will follow if there is a suspected or confirmed case on campus of the disease which I am not immunized against.
- I am aware that I may be excluded from classes and/or the residence halls for the period of time designated by DPH. I understand that this period of exclusion could be 2 to 6 weeks or longer depending on the number of cases of the disease.
- I assume all financial responsibility for relocating and agree to follow the required exclusion procedures. I understand that I must reapply for Religious exemption each year that I am a student at BSU.
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I have read the Religious Exemption Notice (above) and have provided requested information for each vaccination being requested for religious exemption. By signing below I am attesting to having a sincerely held religious belief that prevents me from receiving the immunizations noted above.

Signature of adult individual requesting exemption (required)

Date

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**Instructions for completing the BSU Certificate of Religious Exemption for
Required Immunizations Form**

Who may use the Certificate of Religious Exemption for Required Immunizations Form:

- Adult individuals who are requesting a religious exemption for immunizations must use this form for entering the university.
- A separate form must be used for each student with a religious exemption enrolled to enter the university
- This form may not be used for exemptions from immunizations for personal or philosophical reasons. Massachusetts law does not allow for such exemptions.

When use of this form becomes required: On or after April 26th, 2021

How to complete the Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations Form:

- Complete the adult individual section, which includes information about the student and the immunizations for which religious exemption is being requested. Provide a statement of religious belief(s) for each vaccination requested.
- The form must be signed by the adult individual
- Submit the completed form to the Wellness Center at Bridgewater State University on or before the first day of classes

Bridgewater State University Wellness Center will review all information submitted and inform the student if any further documentation is needed.

Adult individuals who object to immunizations on religious grounds shall not be required to undergo immunizations if the adult individuals present to Bridgewater State University a signed Certificate of Religious Exemption detailing the grounds for objection and the specific immunizations to which they object. The grounds for objection must set forth the specific religious belief(s) that conflict with the immunization. The certificate will be signed by the adult individual to confirm their awareness of the university's exclusion policies in the case of a vaccine preventable disease outbreak or exposure. The religious objection provided need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. However, general philosophical or moral reluctance to allow immunizations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exception to statutory requirements.