



#### Section 4 - Important Information

Ryerson University requires that all persons attending University campus or participating in in-person activities to be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they have a valid exemption.

In order to receive a valid exemption for non-medical reasons, the person (or their parent or legal guardian if the person is under the age of 18) must complete this Statement of Creed/Religious Belief form and have it sworn or affirmed before a Commissioner of Oaths.

The person requesting an exemption (or their parent/legal guardian, if a minor) must submit a completed copy of this form in its entirety.

#### **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 with an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) 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>

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a person who wishes to attend Ryerson University campus or participate in in-person activities and make oath or solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. The requirements of Ryerson University’s mandatory vaccination policy for persons attending University campus or participating in in-person activities conflict with my sincerely held convictions based on my creed/religion.
2. I understand that should an outbreak occur or where it is otherwise deemed necessary for the purposes of health and safety, Toronto Public Health or Ryerson University may impose additional restrictions or requirements on me/my child for health and safety reasons which may not apply to others on campus who have been fully vaccinated.
3. I understand that, notwithstanding the granting of any exemption, Ryerson will require me/my child to undergo mandatory COVID-19 rapid testing and may require me/my child to follow additional health and safety protocols, including, but not limited to, enhanced masking, physical distancing, and remote working or learning.
4. I understand that I/my child may choose to be vaccinated at a later date and that Ryerson University may facilitate support and resources in this regard.
5. I request that I/my child be exempted from the vaccination requirements of Ryerson university.

Section 5 - Signature of Commissioner of Oaths	
<p><b>SWORN OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED before</b></p> <p>at _____ (Municipality)</p> <p>in _____ (Province, State, or Country)</p> <p>on _____ (Date)</p> <p>_____ Signature of Commissioner of Oaths</p> <p>_____ Type or print name if signature is illegible</p>	<p>_____ Signature of Requester (or Parent/Legal Guardian if Requester is a Minor)</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.

## Privacy

Personal Information that you provide to the University on this form is collected under the authority of the [Ryerson University Act, 1977](#). The information you provide under this form will be used for the purposes of determining the qualification of the person identified on this form for non-medical exemption from the requirements of Ryerson University's Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and related purposes.

Your personal information will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the University's collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, please contact Ryerson University's Privacy Officer via email at [fippa@ryerson.ca](mailto:fippa@ryerson.ca).