



COVID-19 Vaccine Exemptions

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1. Exemptions can be subjective, and criteria vary by what organization is granting the exemption.
2. Medical exemptions are generally for two closely related reasons¹:
 - a. Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to component of the COVID-19 vaccine
 - b. Immediate (within 4 hours of exposure) allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a component of the vaccine
3. Religious exemptions are also available for employees that request one.²
4. Exemptions, either medical or religious, can be denied if no alternative safety protocol is adequate.²

References

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