**EXAMPLE Request for a Religious Accommodation in connection with COVID-19 Testing**

For the purposes of Executive Directive #18, employees who have a medical or religious objection to the vaccination need not seek an accommodation. Such employees will be considered as “Not Fully Vaccinated” and will be required to participate in weekly COVID-19 testing. When applicable, employees may request a religious or medical accommodation to the COVID-19 testing requirements.

**Employee**:

To request a religious accommodation to the COVID-19 testing requirements, please complete, sign and submit this form to the [Agency’s] Office of Human Resources (HR) or Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Officer. Consideration of a religious accommodation for COVID-19 testing may require interactive discussions with HR/DEI and/or documentation to support your request.

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| **Employee Name (first, middle initial, last)** |  |
| **Employee ID Number** |  |
| **Employee Email Address** |  |
| **Employee Phone Number** |  |
| **Provide a brief description of religious belief:** | |

Through submission of this form and my below signature I acknowledge:

* Participation in COVID-19 testing conflicts with my religious tenets or practices.
* Depending upon the nature of my job duties and the impact on customers, peers, patients, residents or others; I may be excluded from participating in on-site work. If my position does not permit telework, I will be required to use my personal leave or leave without pay.
* I must participate in infectious disease prevention and safety measures for my own protection and that of other employees and the communities served by my Agency. Such measures include but are not limited to wearing a face mask, social distancing, hand washing or other safety protocols established in the Agency’s Safety policy.
* My failure to follow the Agency’s public health safety measures may result in disciplinary actions.

This information will be reviewed by Agency Human Resources and maintained in a confidential and secured location. Managers/ supervisors may receive instructions related to the final determination on a need to know basis.

My signature below certifies this is a truthful and accurate request for a religious accommodation to testing for COVID-19.

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| Employee Signature (sign in above space) | Date (month/date/year) |

**For [Agency] HR/DEI Use:**

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| **Reviewer Name and Title** |  | |
| **Date received in HR/DEI** |  | |
| **Date Documentation Received** |  | |
| **Date(s) of Interactive Discussions** |  | |
| **Final Determination:** | | |
| **Date and method used to convey determination in writing to Employee such as email receipt, USPS, UPS, etc. and attach to the form.** | |  |
| **Name(s) of Managers/Supervisors Notified:** | | |