

**Division Policies & Procedures**

**Subject: Immunization Exemptions for Influenza & COVID 19 Vaccines**

**Effective date:** 9/1/2022

**Responsibility:** Dean, Program Directors, Clinical Coordinators

**Review date:** August 20, 2025

**Purpose:** Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Rule 1.702 requires that each health care facility shall develop, implement, and enforce policies and procedures to protect patients from vaccine preventable diseases. As such, our clinical affiliates may require annual influenza vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines for students and program faculty. TAC policy allows for procedures for individuals to be exempt from required vaccines based on reasons of conscience or medical conditions.

**Policy:** Exemptions for the annual influenza vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine will be considered on an individual basis upon completion and submission of the request form and supporting documentation. Exemptions are not guaranteed and may not be accepted by the clinical affiliate. Influenza exemptions are granted for one year only.

**Procedure:**

- Students enrolled in McLennan Health Professions programs who wish to request an exemption from the annual influenza vaccine or the COVID-19 vaccine must complete the *Statement of Exemption from Immunization* form.
- A separate form must be filled out for each vaccination.
- Medical exemptions require documentation from a health care provider, as well as a signature and seal or stamp from the practice.
- Exemptions for reasons of conscience (religious exemptions) should include adequate details and documentation to provide an understanding of beliefs on the vaccine in question.
- **Original** completed forms should be submitted to the program director. Scanned documents, jpgs, screenshots, etc. are not acceptable.
- Exemption requests will be reviewed by the Program Director and Dean of Health Professions.
- Exemption response will be returned to the student via McLennan student e-mail.