*Sample Employee Communication
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**Request for Accommodation: Religious Exemption from Vaccination**

To request an exemption from required vaccinations, please complete section 1 below and have your religious/spiritual leader provider complete section 2 before returning this form to the human resources department.

**Section 1**

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| Name (print): | Date: |
| Dept.:  | Position: |
| Manager: | Work/Cell Phone: |

I am requesting a religious exemption from [Company Name]’s mandatory vaccination policy for the following vaccination(s):

I verify that the information I am submitting to substantiate my request for exemption from [Company Name]’s vaccination policy is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsified information can lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Vaccination would conflict with my sincerely held religious belief(s) or practice(s) in the following way(s):

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| **Please identify with particularity how vaccination would require you to violate or forego a belief or practice of your religion:** |
| **As an alternative to vaccination, I am requesting the following accommodation:**  (e.g., mask, alternative immunization, etc.) |

I further understand that [Company Name] is not required to provide this exemption accommodation if doing so would pose a direct threat to myself or others in the workplace or would create an undue hardship for [Company Name].

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| Employee Signature: | Date: |

**Section 2**

**Religious Certification for Vaccination Exemption**

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Religious Leader,

[Company Name] requires vaccination against [*insert disease name, such as COVID-19, influenza, etc*.) as a condition of employment. The individual named above is seeking an exemption to this policy due to sincerely held religious beliefs.

Please complete this form to assist [Company Name] in the reasonable accommodation process.

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| **The person named above should not receive the [*insert disease name*] vaccine due to:**  |
| **Alternative suggestions for accommodation:**  |

I certify the above information to be true and accurate and request exemption from the [*insert disease name*] vaccination for the above-named individual.

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| Religious Leader (print): |
| Religious Leader Signature: | Date: |
| Religious place of Worship Name & Address: | Phone: |

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Date of initial request: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date certification received: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Accommodation request:

* Approved \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Describe specific accommodation details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Denied \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Describe why accommodation is denied: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_