

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter to request religious exemption from the COVID19 Vaccine which has been mandated for all health care workers in the state of Oregon.

This decision was not made lightly. I understand that COVID19 is real and have the utmost respect for all the medical professionals involved in the fight against this disease. I am unable to comply with this mandate for several reasons but will share the most important one to me.

I value life and believe that all people are created in the image of God, with intrinsic worth. The process by which these vaccines were created goes against this deeply held conviction.

*Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16 NIV*

*You shall not murder. Exodus 20:13 NIV*

Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Moderna COVID19 vaccines were developed using fetal cell lines. Excerpt from an article by Dr. Lawler at the University Of Nebraska Medical Center:

*When it comes to the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, fetal cell line HEK 293 was used during the research and development phase. All HEK 293 cells are descended from tissue taken from a 1973 abortion that took place in the Netherlands.*

*For the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, fetal cell lines were used in the production and manufacturing stage. To make the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, scientists infect PER.C6 fetal cell lines to grow the adenovirus vector. All PER.C6 cells used to manufacture the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are descended from tissue taken from a 1985 abortion that took place in the Netherlands.*

<https://www.nebraskamed.com/COVID/you-asked-we-answered-do-the-covid-19-vaccines-contain-aborted-fetal-cells>

I love all people and have a huge desire to serve those in our communities and abroad. I cannot, in good conscience, agree to a treatment/ medical modality that was developed by using the cells of a child whose life was unfairly terminated.