

Medical Exemption Requests for the period of June 1, 2021 to March 10, 2022

- Total received: 708
- Total approved: 71
- Total rejected: 275
- Note that many applications were withdrawn for various reasons including the requestor proceeding with vaccination while others were pending a final decision at this time.

Religious Exemption Requests for the period of June 1, 2021 to March 10, 2022

- Total received: 47
- Total approved: 0
- Total rejected: 47
- Note that effective November 12, 2021 the Office of the Provincial Health Officer required that all requestors submit a completed medical deferral form to initiate a medical exemption request. Further requests for an exemption from the proof of vaccination requirement under Provincial Health Officer orders on the basis of religious belief were handled via correspondence.

Criterion for Exemption Requests

- The criterion (including guidance documents and the medical deferral form) that medical exemption requests are assessed against are publicly available at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>
- The Deputy Provincial Health Officers also consults guidance from the National Advisory Council on Immunization, which is available publicly at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci.html>