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Tennessee Wesleyan UNIVERSITY

PETITION FORM TO TAKE COURSES REMOTELY— FALL 2021

At TWU, community is part of the educational experience. Faculty-student and student-student interactions in the classroom are a very important part of the academic process. The fall of 2021 promises less risk at TWU due to the availability of safe and effective vaccines for COVID-19. However, TWU continues to recognize that some students fall into a high risk category due to COVID-19 and should consider taking courses remotely. Still others cannot take the vaccine for medical or religious reasons. (See the CDC description of high risk at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.) This form is exclusively for those students who fall into both of these groups.

Members of the TWU student body who are on an athletic team or are living in campus housing are not eligible to apply to take courses remotely. Students who are working in jobs placing them in direct contact with the general public are also not eligible for remote learning. Students applying to take courses remotely will be expected to join in-seat classroom meetings via Microsoft Teams, are expected to join classes with video and audio on, and will be subject to the same attendance policy as students who are in-seat. Students approved for remote learning are encouraged to discuss with their advisor the possibility of enrolling in fully online courses for part or all of their course load.

Directions: Complete the following information and request the signature of your advisor and then submit the form to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for final approval no later than August 11, 2021.

Name: _____ ID _____

Date of Request: _____ Email: _____

- I or someone that I live with/care for is in a high-risk category and I am unable to take the COVID-19 vaccine. (Must provide explanation of your high-risk and vaccine situation. Medical history is not required.)
- I verify that I am not an athlete at TWU, I am not living in campus housing, and I am not working a job that places me in direct contact with the general public.*

Please indicate all that apply to you.

- No access to a laptop/tablet with webcam
- No or limited access to high speed internet

Signatures: By signing, student acknowledges that this petition is for the entirety of the fall 2021 semester and agrees to meet all obligations for remote learners as outlined in course syllabi. Should a student approved for remote learning need to transition to in-seat learning, they must appeal to the VP for Academic Affairs via email at gwillhite@tnwesleyan.edu.

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

VPAA Signature

Date

*Students who are found to have misrepresented their status on this petition will be charged with a violation of the TWU Honor Code and will be required to immediately return to in-seat instruction. Remote students will be exempt from convocation requirements but will be expected to complete required service hours.