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The Chicago Board of Rabbis is a collegial organization that brings together over 180 rabbis representing the Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Reform streams of Jewish life.

It is the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Board of Rabbis that there is no basis in Judaism for a religious exemption to getting the Covid 19 vaccine. On the contrary, we believe that it is a religious imperative for every person who is eligible to take the vaccine to become vaccinated.

Our sages teach in the Talmud, "Whoever saves a single life is considered by scripture to have saved the whole world." According to medical experts and empirical data, the vaccine for Covid 19 is safe and effective and responsible for having saved countless lives since it was manufactured and distributed.

Sincerely,

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