WOFFORD COLLEGE

Student Name (printed) ________________________________ W# ______________________

WAIVER OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COVID-19

COVID-19 is a highly contagious respiratory virus that affects individuals. Anyone, regardless of age, can experience long-term medical problems and death. This virus spreads through respiratory secretions related to speaking, singing, yelling, coughing and sneezing. Infected individuals can spread the virus to others.

Prevention strategies include wearing a mask and maintaining physical distance when around others. These strategies affect what is accepted as “normal life,” which makes them an additional challenge.

The COVID-19 vaccines are very safe and highly effective at preventing death and hospitalization. When large numbers within a population are immunized, viral spread will be significantly limited. Everyone within a community contributes to this protective approach.

Side effects related to vaccination primarily include pain at the injection site, headache, fever and chills, and/or body aches that last for about 24 hours.

Choosing to forego vaccination puts one at risk for getting the disease with the associated risk of long-term medical problems or death. Individuals who elect not to be vaccinated against COVID-19 may put others they interact with at risk as well. By choosing not to be vaccinated, you run a greater risk of becoming ill with COVID-19 and will be required to isolate per CDC guidelines if you become infected. If you have chosen not to vaccinate for COVID-19, you will be responsible for securing your own quarantine and isolation space off campus should you be exposed to the virus. The college follows CDC guidelines for isolation and quarantine after exposure to COVID-19.

To minimize risk of viral spread, unvaccinated individuals will be required to do the following:

- Undergo weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing on campus (for as long as the testing is offered) or off campus at your own expense.
- Upload the results of their weekly test by 11 a.m. each Friday morning to the Wellness Center patient portal.
- Quarantine or isolate off campus at your own expense should you be identified as a close contact or contract COVID-19.
- Follow other community safety guidelines determined by the college, which will be communicated to students in August.

I HAVE READ and reviewed the information provided above concerning the risks and benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine. For personal reasons, I have chosen NOT to be vaccinated and, therefore, accept the potential consequences associated with this decision. This includes, but is not limited to, the responsibility to isolate or quarantine off campus, to undergo regular screening for COVID-19 and wear a mask. Unvaccinated students who do not comply with these four requirements will be subject to sanctions. Sanctions may include health and safety education, social probation and, ultimately, suspension.

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Student signature                Date  Parent/guardian (if student is a minor)                Date