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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

17 **RYAN KHANTHAPHIXAY and**
18 **RILEY O'NEAL,**

19 Plaintiffs,

20 vs.

21 **LOYOLA MARYMOUNT**
22 **UNIVERSITY; MUNTU DAVIS,** in
his official capacity as Public Health
Officer for Los Angeles County; and
23 **BARBARA FERRER,** in her official
capacity as Director of the Los Angeles
County Department of Public Health,
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25 Defendants.
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Case No.:

**COMPLAINT FOR
DECLARATORY AND
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND
DAMAGES**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 **INTRODUCTION**

2 1. Ryan and Riley, the plaintiffs herein, are undergraduate students at
3 Loyola Marymount University. Their hard work and academic successes led to their
4 acceptance into the University. That same hard work continued in college, and they
5 are now matriculating into their sophomore and junior years, respectively.

6 2. After registering for their Fall 2021 classes, selecting, and securing on-
7 campus housing assignments to live with friends upon their eagerly anticipated
8 return to campus, the University sent a message to Ryan, Riley, and their families
9 imposing a new requirement: all students were required to be vaccinated against
10 COVID-19, or otherwise submit to testing, masking, distancing, and being subject
11 to “other” measures in order to return to campus in the Fall. The University further
12 announced that these newly imposed conditions of attendance were adopted at the
13 behest of, and in coordination with, the Los Angeles County Department of Public
14 Health.

15 3. Though the University does allow for certain accommodations for
16 students seeking exemption to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate, the exemptions
17 recognized by the University are limited in scope and conditioned on similarly
18 objectionable conditions. These accommodations have the effect of creating a
19 campus-wide apartheid, with “vaccine-exempted” students required to live in
20 separate dorms, wear face coverings, social distance, submit to surveillance testing,
21 and have their bodily and medical privacy invaded, while their vaccinated peers are
22 free to move about campus without any special conditions or requirements. Simply
23 put, students whose religious convictions and/or medical conditions dictate against
24 them submitting to the vaccine mandate must live as outcasts amongst their peers
25 for at least this academic year, and perhaps the balance of their college careers.

26 4. There are no similar conditions tied to any other exemption granted by
27 the University for any other vaccine that it mandates for attendance.
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1 a designated group of friends. To secure their respective housing assignments, Riley
2 paid his housing deposit on April 5, 2021, and Ryan on May 11, 2021.

3 17. Both Ryan and Riley registered for their Fall 2021 classes during the
4 registration period beginning April 1, 2021. To the best of their recollection,
5 Plaintiffs completed registration within the first few days of the registration period.

6 18. Following the expiration of these deadlines, and after Plaintiffs and
7 LMU had mutually assented to contractually binding terms of Plaintiffs' return to
8 school in Fall 2021, the LMU Office of the President sent a communication to
9 parents and students advising that it would be implementing a policy requiring all
10 students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to returning to campus for the Fall
11 2021 semester.

12 19. The University further advised:

13 We will allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis for
14 students with qualifying medical or religious reasons.
15 Where exceptions are granted, the university may require
16 additional COVID-19 testing, social and access
restrictions, quarantining, and other requirements or
limitations.

17 20. The University justified its mandate by reminding parents, "Please note
18 that vaccine requirements are not new: the university also mandates vaccinations for
19 measles, mumps, and rubella." This is a false equivalency because the MMR vaccine
20 is FDA approved, has been administered for fifty (50) years so the side effects are
21 well-known, and exemptions to the MMR vaccine mandate do not carry with it the
22 unconscionable conditions imposed upon students granted exemption from the
23 COVID-19 vaccine mandate. The University further noted, "Also, we will soon
24 provide further guidance concerning vaccinations for faculty and staff."

25 21. On June 11, 2021, the University announced its formal COVID-19
26 vaccination and return to campus policy, including the opportunity for exemptions.
27 The policy, entitled "Required COVID-19 Vaccination and Exemption Policy For
28 Students" reads, in relevant part, as follows:

1 All students are required to demonstrate that they are fully
2 vaccinated prior to the commencement of fall classes. A
3 fully vaccinated individual under this policy has received
4 all required doses of an FDA (or non-U.S. equivalent
5 public health authority) approved SARS-COV-2
6 (COVID-19) vaccination.

7 Pfizer-BioNTech (0.3 ml each): two doses at least 3 weeks
8 (21 days) apart, but no more than 6 weeks (42 days)

9 Moderna (0.5 ml each): two doses at least 4 weeks (24-28
10 days) apart, but no more than 6 weeks (42 days)

11 Janssen, Johnson & Johnson (0.5 ml): one dose;

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13 For resident students, failure to register vaccination
14 information by August 6, 2021, and be fully vaccinated by
15 August 20, 2021, will result in the cancelation of their
16 housing license agreement.

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18 Students who wish to request a vaccination exemption for
19 medical or religious reasons must complete the
20 appropriate exemption form available through the Vax
21 LMU system no later than June 30, 2021, for residential
22 students or July 15, 2021, for non-residential students;

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24 Third-party testing managed by LMU COVID Testing will
25 be required for those with an approved exemption. Testing
26 schedules will follow LACDPH guidelines. Issues of non-
27 compliance with testing protocols are referred to LMU
28 Student Conduct for evaluation and potential adjudication.

22. The University did not identify the COVID-19 vaccination requirements for its faculty or staff.

23. Upon information and belief, the University has not issued any formal or final vaccination policy for its faculty and staff and University faculty and staff are currently not required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in order to return to campus.

24. When applying for an exemption through the "Vax LMU system," as required by the University, students must check boxes indicating their assent to

1 certain affirmative statements. The portal will not allow submission of the exemption
2 application without students agreeing to the following:

3 I acknowledge and agree by being unvaccinated I am at
4 increased risk of acquiring COVID-19 and transmitting it
5 to my fellow students, faculty and staff.

6 I acknowledge and agree I will be required and hereby
7 agree to submit to regular COVID-19 testing by the
8 University.

9 I acknowledge and agree I will be asked and hereby agree
10 to self-isolate if I test positive for COVID-19 and/or
11 quarantine if I am exposed to a positive case of COVID-
12 19.

13 I acknowledge and hereby agree to leave campus if, in the
14 determination of responsible University official(s) there is
15 an outbreak of COVID-19 on campus or in the reasonably
16 adjacent campus community and agree that I will not be
17 allowed to return to campus until authorized by the LMU
18 COVID Support Team.

19 I agree to follow, abide by and comply with all health and
20 safety related conditions and accommodation
21 requirements identified from time to time by the
22 University as a condition to granting or continuance of my
23 request for an exemption to the LMU COVID-19
24 vaccination requirement.

25 I agree to and hereby assume all liability arising from my
26 decision not to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

27 25. Students who are granted exemptions are also required by the
28 University to be enrolled in the “LMU surveillance testing program”.

29 26. The University has the following posted on its website (webpage
30 entitled “On-campus COVID-19 Testing Center”):

31 The LMU COVID Testing Center provides voluntary
32 surveillance PCR testing** to those who live or work on
33 campus or have campus access. At this time, LMU is
34 unable to extend testing opportunities to family members
35 who do not also live on campus.

1 27. The asterisked language above corresponds to the following note found
2 at the bottom of the same page:

3 Surveillance testing is defined by public health officials as
4 the testing used to detect transmission hot spots or to better
5 understand disease trends in an environment. It can be an
6 effective method to slow the spread as testing may identify
7 those who are COVID-19 positive and pre-symptomatic or
8 asymptomatic.

9 28. There is no other language found anywhere in any of the policies or
10 notices promulgated by the University nor anywhere on the University’s website
11 regarding any additional or alternative purpose for the testing that students exempted
12 from the vaccination requirement are required to undergo.

13 29. Beneath the verbiage quoted in the above paragraphs, there is a series
14 of questions and answers. The first is, “Who is required to get tested?” The response
15 provided is, “All individuals with campus access who are not confirmed as fully
16 vaccinated in Vax LMU must get tested on campus twice per week, effective June
17 15. Testing is free, and consists of a self-administered swab approximately 1” into
18 the nostril.”

19 30. This University webpage also discloses that “LMU Student Health
20 Services and LMU’s COVID Support Team will have access to results to provide
21 support for individuals who are COVID-19 positive, facilitate contact investigations,
22 and expeditiously initiate the isolation or quarantine process. Results are also
23 automatically provided to the CDC and the LA County Department of Public Health
24 as mandated.”

25 31. This webpage also states, “Fully vaccinated individuals are exempt
26 from future testing requirements, once they have submitted proof of documentation
27 to VaxLMU and it has been accepted.”

28 32. The University is using a “SummerBio test [that] is a molecular RT-
PCR type test”.

1 33. These surveillance testing, masking, distancing, forced quarantine, and
2 forced assumption of liability and attestation requirements are the first of their kind
3 tied to any exemption for any other vaccine mandated by LMU.

4 34. LMU requires proof of vaccination of measles, mumps, and rubella as
5 a condition to enrollment.¹ In the event a student needs or is desirous of obtaining
6 an exemption to one of these required vaccines, the student needs to fill out a one-
7 page request for a medical exemption, signed by his or her healthcare provider,
8 providing the student's name, gender, date of birth, address, phone number, email,
9 Student Identification Number (if any), Parent / Guardian's Name (if under 18); the
10 contraindication and whether its temporary or permanent; the healthcare provider's
11 contact information and license number; and the parties' signatures.²

12 35. The only "advisement" that LMU gives to the student seeking an
13 exemption is as follows:

14 Be **advised**, an unvaccinated student is at greater risk of
15 becoming ill with the vaccine-preventable disease. An
16 unvaccinated student *may* be excluded from attending
school during an outbreak of, or after exposure to, any of
these diseases: *Measles, Mumps, Rubella*.

17 There are no other policies or representations made on this exemption
18 form that an MMR-exempted student mask, distance, or test for the same.

19 **Plaintiffs**

20 *Ryan Khanthaphixay*

21 36. Ryan was born in 2002. He has lived in the vicinity of Loyola
22 Marymount University his entire life and always considered attending school there
23 after high school.

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26 ¹ Student Health Entrance Requirements,
<https://studentaffairs.lmu.edu/wellness/studenthealthservices/studenthealthentrancerequirements/>
[as of July 23, 2021].

27 ² Student Health Services – Exemption For Required Vaccinations,
28 <https://studentaffairs.lmu.edu/media/studentaffairs/shs/Exemption%20to%20Required%20Vaccination%202020-2021.pdf> [as of July 23, 2021] (emphasis in original).

1 37. Ryan worked hard and attained good grades in high school. He was
2 such a good student that the University offered him a substantial academic
3 scholarship for the entire duration of his college career, which was the determining
4 factor in Ryan selecting LMU Over the other prestigious universities he earned
5 acceptance to. The acceptance and scholarship award letter sent to Ryan by the
6 University is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**. Notably, there is no contract provision
7 pertaining to vaccination or any other medical requirement.

8 38. Ryan is a devout Christian. This is the first occasion on which he has
9 personally been faced with the decision about whether or not to be vaccinated.
10 Though Ryan was vaccinated as a child, those decisions were made by his parents,
11 and he had no opportunity to weigh in on the decision.

12 39. Ryan was upset by the University’s vaccination policy because being
13 vaccinated in this instance would conflict with Ryan’s sincerely held religious
14 beliefs.

15 40. Ryan was relieved to learn that the University stated it would accept
16 requests for religious exemptions.

17 41. Ryan drafted his exemption request. In it, he articulated his sincerely
18 held religious beliefs. These beliefs include that his body is a temple of the Holy
19 Spirit and, as such, should be revered and kept pure and holy. He further articulated
20 his objection to the use of aborted fetal cells in the production and testing of
21 vaccines.

22 42. Ryan submitted his exemption request on June 20, 2021. The
23 University rejected Ryan’s exemption request on June 23, 2021.

24 43. Ryan redrafted the exemption request, this time being even more
25 detailed and citing applicable Scripture, and resubmitted it on June 23, 2021.

26 44. Much to his dismay, the University denied his exemption request,
27 again, on June 28, 2021.

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1 45. Determined not to be forced to violate his religious convictions, Ryan
2 redrafted and resubmitted his written request for religious exemption on June 30.

3 46. Once again, the University denied Ryan's exemption request on July 1.

4 47. Ryan then began hearing that the University was granting religious
5 exemption requests of students belonging to different religions. As a result, Ryan
6 formed the belief that the University was discriminating against him for his sincerely
7 held Christian beliefs.

8 48. On July 10, Ryan called LMU's offices of Human Resources and
9 Student Affairs two and three times, respectively, to lodge a formal complaint of
10 potential religious discrimination.

11 49. When Ryan did not hear back from either office, he called LMU's
12 offices of Human Resources and Student Affairs, again, on July 12, to re-submit his
13 complaint of potential religious discrimination.

14 50. With the help of the undersigned counsel, Ryan supplemented his
15 exemption request, yet again, and submitted it to the University for reconsideration
16 the same day (July 12, 2021).

17 51. The University never responded to any of Ryan's complaints of
18 religious discrimination.

19 Instead, on July 13, 2021, the University granted Ryan's fourth request for a
20 religious exemption. Upon information and belief, a less persistent student would
21 not have been granted an exemption.

22 52. While Ryan is relieved that his request was granted, he remains anxious
23 and fearful of what the upcoming year will hold, since the exemption brings with it
24 additional burdens to which Ryan also objects.

25 53. Ryan objects to having his nasal cavity invaded for testing purposes,
26 and to the information derived from his biological material being stored in a database
27 indefinitely and disseminated to governmental agencies and other entities whom the
28 University and/or government deem appropriate. Moreover, Ryan objects to being

1 forced to cover his face because this, too, conflicts with his religious beliefs. Ryan
2 likewise objects to being made to socially distance from his peers.

3 54. Ryan is a healthy young man, has never had COVID-19, and believes
4 that God blessed him with divine health (Psalm 91). Covering his face and taking
5 other measures that undermine this promise of God violates Ryan’s deeply held
6 religious beliefs and creates a crisis of conscience for him.

7 55. In submitting his exemption request to the University, Ryan was forced
8 to check boxes affirming statements with which he does not agree. Most notably,
9 Ryan had to affirm, “I acknowledge and agree by being unvaccinated I am at
10 increased risk of acquiring COVID-19 and transmitting it to my fellow students,
11 faculty and staff.”

12 56. Ryan has a sincerely held religious belief that, among other religious
13 reasons, his body is considered to be a temple of God in a spiritual sense and that he
14 should not contaminate his body with this vaccine. He further believes that abortion
15 is against God’s intention for life and that because aborted fetal cells have been used
16 in the creation of the presently existing Covid-19 vaccines, taking the vaccine would
17 violate his religious principles.

18 *Riley O’Neal*

19 57. Riley was born in 2001. He is a rising junior at Loyola Marymount
20 University.

21 58. Like Ryan, Riley excels academically. In recognition of the asset, he
22 would be to the University, LMU awarded him an academic scholarship that
23 guarantees a substantial financial contribution by the University each year to offset
24 the cost of attendance.

25 59. Having already spent two years studying at the University, Riley is at
26 the stage of his education where he has completed all general requirements and
27 prerequisites and is about to delve deep in his chosen area of study: film writing,
28 producing, and stunt coordinating. Changing schools at this time would severely

1 disrupt his education. Additionally, despite having offers to attend several other
2 prestigious Los Angeles universities, Riley specifically chose to attend LMU
3 because of its renowned School of Film and Television, as well as its contacts and
4 connections with the local Hollywood industry.

5 60. Riley was stricken with fear and anxiety when he learned of the
6 University’s new policy requiring all students to be vaccinated against COVID-19
7 in order to return to campus in Fall 2021 because Riley has a medical condition that
8 makes vaccination particularly dangerous to him, even more so than to his peers.

9 61. Riley applied for and was granted a medical exemption to the
10 University’s vaccine mandate. This was a relief, but it does not come close to
11 alleviating all of his concerns regarding his health and his ability to matriculate at
12 the University.

13 62. In order to obtain the medical exemption, and as set forth in detail
14 hereinabove, Riley was required by LMU to indicate his assent to certain terms and
15 conditions to which he actually objects.

16 63. Specifically, the University conditioned Riley’s (and Ryan’s)
17 exemption to the vaccine mandate upon express acceptance of liability for he or any
18 other person on campus contracting COVID-19.

19 64. This condition is patently unreasonable and unfair given that Riley is
20 unable to be vaccinated due to his medical condition. Riley was unconscionably
21 made to choose between suffering serious medical complications – up to and
22 including death – if vaccinated and assuming personal legal liability for the health
23 of all his peers and the broader University community. Riley should not be made to
24 assume liability for the illness of others when he has no choice but to decline
25 vaccination, or otherwise put his own life and health in jeopardy.

26 65. Riley’s coerced “agreement” to accept liability is also unconscionable
27 because vaccinated persons can be carriers of and transmit the virus (see discussion,
28 below). Therefore, the University would never be able to determine the source of

1 any future COVID-19 infection on campus, and any attribution to Riley or any other
2 unvaccinated person would be unfounded.

3 66. Adding to the unconscionability and inequity of the forced acceptance
4 of liability for the prospective illness of others is the reality that the persons for
5 whom Riley (and other vaccine-exempted students) has been forced to assume
6 liability may not take responsibility for their own health themselves. They may have
7 poor diets and be overweight, have poor sleep and exercise habits, partake in drugs
8 and alcohol, and therefore, already be more susceptible to contracting COVID-19,
9 regardless of Ryan or Riley’s vaccination status.

10 67. As a further condition of exemption, Riley (and all exempted students)
11 will be required to undergo invasive nasal swab (PCR) testing twice weekly. Not
12 only is the PCR test unreliable (as discussed in greater detail hereinbelow), Riley’s
13 medical condition can also be adversely impacted by it. Thus, even with the vaccine
14 exemption, Riley is still being forced to undergo a medical intervention against his
15 will that is medically unnecessary and puts his life and health in peril.

16 **None of the Currently Available Vaccines against SARS-Cov2 Are**
17 **Approved by the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”)**

18 68. The University’s newly implemented vaccine policy reads as follows:

19 All students are required to demonstrate that they are fully
20 vaccinated prior to the commencement of fall classes. A
21 fully vaccinated individual under this policy has received
22 all required doses of an FDA (or non-U.S. equivalent
23 public health authority) **approved** SARS-COV-2
24 (COVID-19) vaccination. (Emphasis added).

23 69. Compliance with this policy is an impossibility since there is no FDA
24 approved COVID-19 vaccine.

25 70. All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States remain
26 unapproved products authorized for emergency use only pursuant to 21 U.S.C.
27 §360bbb-3. This is not a semantic distinction. Medical and pharmaceutical products
28 allowed to market pursuant to this provision of law have very real distinctions from

1 approved products, and accordingly come with explicit, distinct legal restrictions
2 and requirements.

3 71. To that end, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC” or
4 “CDCP”) has posted on its website fact sheets for each of the available vaccines,
5 with the exception of the vaccine manufactured by AstraZeneca.³

6 The applicable fact sheet is required to be given to each person to whom a
7 COVID-19 vaccine is being administered. Notably, each of the fact sheets plainly
8 state at the top (and again further down on the document), “**There is no U.S. Food
9 and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.**”
10 (Emphasis added). The fact sheets are collectively attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**.

11 72. These fact sheets also make clear that the vaccines, “ha[ve] not
12 undergone the same type of review as an FDA-approved or cleared product.”

13 Reported Risks of COVID-19 Vaccines

14 73. The following information is contained in the Pfizer-BioNTech Fact
15 Sheet:

16 WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF THE PFIZER-BIONTECH 17 COVID-19 VACCINE?

18 There is a remote chance that the Pfizer-BioNTech
19 COVID-19 Vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction.
20 A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a
21 few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Pfizer-
22 BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. For this reason, your
23 vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place
24 where you received your vaccine for monitoring after
25 vaccination. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can
26 include:

- 23 • Difficulty breathing
- 24 • Swelling of your face and throat
- 25 • A fast heartbeat

27 ³ The FDA webpage where the link to this document should be located currently states:
28 “COVID-19 AstraZeneca Vaccine EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients URL is not yet ready. The
manufacturer URL for this document will be provided once that is available.”,
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/astrazeneca.html> [as of July 21, 2021]

- A bad rash all over your body
- Dizziness and weakness

Myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart) have occurred in some people who have received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within a few days following receipt of the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Feelings of having a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart.

Side effects that have been reported with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- severe allergic reactions
- non-severe allergic reactions such as rash, itching, hives, or swelling of the face
- myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle)
- pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart)
- injection site pain
- tiredness
- headache
- muscle pain
- chills
- joint pain
- fever
- injection site swelling
- injection site redness
- nausea
- feeling unwell

- swollen lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- arm pain

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected side effects may occur. Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

74. The side effects noted in the respective fact sheets for each of the vaccines are the same or substantially similar.

75. The fact sheet pertaining to the COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Janssen discloses the following additional side effects of vaccination:

Blood Clots with Low Levels of Platelets

Blood clots involving blood vessels in the brain, lungs, abdomen, and legs along with low levels of platelets (blood cells that help your body stop bleeding), have occurred in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. In people who developed these blood clots and low levels of platelets, symptoms began approximately one to two-weeks following vaccination. Reporting of these blood clots and low levels of platelets has been highest in females ages 18 through 49 years.

The chance of having this occur is remote. You should seek medical attention right away if you have any of the following symptoms after receiving Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Shortness of breath,
- Chest pain,
- Leg swelling,
- Persistent abdominal pain,
- Severe or persistent headaches or blurred vision,
- Easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of the injection.

These may not be all the possible side effects of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Serious and unexpected effects may occur. The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is still being studied in clinical trials.

1 Guillain Barré Syndrome

2 Guillain Barré syndrome (a neurological disorder in which
3 the body’s immune system damages nerve cells, causing
4 muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis) has occurred
5 in some people who have received the Janssen COVID-19
6 Vaccine. In most of these people, symptoms began within
7 42 days following receipt of the Janssen COVID-19
8 Vaccine. The chance of having this occur is very low. You
9 should seek medical attention right away if you develop
10 any of the following symptoms after receiving the Janssen
11 COVID-19 Vaccine:

- 12 • Weakness or tingling sensations, especially in the
13 legs or arms, that’s worsening and spreading to
14 other parts of the body
- 15 • Difficulty walking
- 16 • Difficulty with facial movements, including
17 speaking, chewing, or swallowing
- 18 • Double vision or inability to move eyes
- 19 • Difficulty with bladder control or bowel function

20 76. The Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) is a self-
21 reporting surveillance system designed to monitor adverse events potentially caused
22 by vaccines. It is believed that fewer than one percent (1%) of vaccine adverse events
23 are actually reported to VAERS.⁴

24 77. VAERS shows the following data for COVID-19 vaccine adverse
25 events as of July 9, 2021⁵:

- 26 • Deaths: 10,991
- 27 • Life Threatening: 8,832
- 28 • Permanent Disability: 9,274
- Hospitalized: 30,781
- Emergency Room: 59,402

26 ⁴ *Grant Final Report: Electronic Support for Public Health – Vaccine Adverse Event*
27 *Reporting System (ESP:VAERS)* (December 1, 2007, to September 30, 2010,
28 <https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf> [as of July 21, 2021].

⁵ <https://www.openvaers.com>; *see also*, <https://vaers.hhs.gov/>

- Office Visit: 82,535
- Severe Allergic Reaction: 19,814
- Bell's Palsy: 2,885
- Heart Attacks: 3,906
- Myocarditis/Pericarditis: 2,466
- None of the above: 232,570
- Total: 463,456

78. On average, the number of officially confirmed deaths resulting from vaccination annually is approximately 200. In the mere seven months (since December 2020) that the three COVID-19 vaccines have been available for emergency use, they have proven to be over fifty (50) times more deadly than all FDA-approved vaccines combined.

79. In addition to the foregoing risks, the efficacy of the currently available vaccines has recently been called into question based upon data coming out of Israel and the United Kingdom. In both countries, upwards of forty percent (40%) of those individuals being hospitalized with COVID-19 have been vaccinated.⁶ Therefore, how protective vaccines are to the community at-large is not certain.

Potential Risks of COVID-19 Infection in Young Adults

80. In contrast with the serious side effects suffered by many recipients of the vaccine, the threat of severe side effects from the COVID-19 virus itself to college-age students is virtually non-existent:

For those under 30, the risks of serious morbidity and mortality are close to zero. By contrast, early indications from passive surveillance systems (which call for follow-up investigation) and a June 10 review by the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee indicated an excess risk for heart

⁶ See, e.g., Israel Minister of Health Dashboard, <https://dashboard.health.gov.il/COVID-19/general> [as of July 20, 2021]; *60% of all COVID hospitalizations are unvaccinated, says Patrick Vallance* (July 19, 2021, <https://news.yahoo.com/how-many-covid-hospitalisation-double-vaccinated-171607939.html> [as of July 23, 2021];

1 inflammation, especially in men 30 and younger [who
2 have received the vaccines].”⁷

3 81. According to the CDC, only 0.5% of all cases of COVID-19 in the
4 United States occurred in 18- to 29-year-olds.⁸

5 **Real Time Polymearse Chain Reaction (“Rt-Pcr”) Test**

6 82. The RT-PCR test has emerged as the most common type of test used to
7 determine infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

8 83. RT-PCR technology is complex and difficult for a lay person to
9 understand. One scientific article describes it as follows:

10 Another significant step in PCR evolution was the
11 development of real-time PCR growth curve analysis,
12 based on monitoring the exponential accumulation of PCR
13 product...[T]hermal cycling instruments with optics
14 capable of measuring fluorescence at every cycle made
15 real-time PCR the preferred method of quantitative
16 analysis.⁹

17 84. Dr. Sin Hang Lee, a pathologist who has been practicing for more than
18 forty (40) years as an attending Pathologist at Yale-affiliated teaching hospitals from
19 1973 to 2003, former Director of the Molecular Diagnostic Section at Milford
20 Hospital Laboratory from 2004 to 2015, and current Director of the Milford
21 Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory, wrote:

22 The crucial step in most nucleic acid-based assays is to
23 amplify the target DNA or cDNA in a complex clinical
24 sample. PCR amplification always faces problems caused
25 by inhibitors carried over from the clinical sample. Real-
26 time PCR or qPCR is no exception. No commercial viral
27 RNA extraction kits can remove all PCR inhibitors from
28 the human respiratory tract specimens...Non-target
nucleic acid molecules and other PCR inhibitors are
usually co-extracted and co-purified along with SARS-

24 ⁷ *University Vaccine Mandates Violate Medical Ethics* (June 4, 2021),
25 <https://www.wsj.com/articles/university-vaccine-mandates-violate-medical-ethics-11623689220>
[as of July 21, 2021].

26 ⁸ *CDC COVID Data Tracker*, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home> [as
27 of July 21, 2021].

28 ⁹ *Development and Evolution of PCR* (April 1, 2013),
<https://www.genengnews.com/magazine/200/development-and-evolution-of-pcr/> [as of July 21,
2021]

1 CoV-2 RNA. Inhibition of PCR by host DNA is a well-
2 recognized problem in molecular diagnosis of bacterial
3 infections. These PCR-inhibitory molecules may come
4 from the host cells, and from other viruses, bacteria and
5 fungi normally residing in the human respiratory tract. The
6 nature and quantity of these nucleic acids and inhibitors in
7 the respiratory tract vary from one person to another, and
8 are totally unpredictable. Non-template nucleic acids can
9 affect PCR amplification efficiency, the fluorescent signal
10 growth curve and the cycle threshold (Ct) value in qPCR
11 assays.¹⁰

12 85. Kary Mullis, the inventor of PCR technology, who won a Nobel Prize
13 in 1993 for his invention, stated unequivocally that PCR tests are not an effective
14 diagnostic tool:

15 [W]ith PCR if you do it well you can find almost anything
16 in anybody. It starts making you believe in the sort of
17 Buddhist notion that everything is contained in everything
18 else, right? Because if you can amplify one single
19 molecule up to something that you can really measure,
20 which PCR can do, then there's just very few molecules
21 that you don't have at least one single one of them in your
22 body...[I]t's just a process that's used to make a whole lot
23 of something out of something. That's what it is. It doesn't
24 tell you that you're sick and it doesn't tell you that the
25 thing you ended up with really was going to hurt you or
26 anything like that..."¹¹

27 86. "On February 2, 2020, the CDC was the only place in the country that
28 could perform SARS-CoV-2 tests. But on February 12, the CDC announced that the
test was providing inconclusive results. By then, the United States had reported 11
COVID-19 cases. The CDC designed its own test in March 2020. The Food and
Drug Administration (FDA) picked a conservative testing strategy, allowing
laboratories to use only the CDC test kits distributed under the Emergency Use
Authorization (EUA) authority. When the CDC test kits failed by generating many

¹⁰ "Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in cellular components by routine nested RT-PCR followed by DNA sequencing", *International Journal of Geriatrics and Rehabilitation* 2(1):69- 96, July 17, 2020.

¹¹ *Inventor of PCR Test Said Fauci 'Doesn't Know Anything' And Is Willing To Lie On Television - National File* (<https://nationalfile.com/inventor-of-pcr-test-said-fauci-doesnt-know-anything-and-is-willing-to-lie-on-television/> [as of July 21, 2021])

1 false-positive results, neither a new strategy nor a new test was available for more
2 than two weeks[.]”¹²

3 87. The CDC itself admits in its “CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-
4 nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel Instruction Manual” that “[d]etection
5 of viral RNA may not indicate the presence of infectious virus or that 2019-nCoV is
6 the causative agent for clinical symptoms.”

7 88. In 2020, researchers found that infectivity is related to the date of onset
8 of symptoms and cycle threshold level and that “a binary ‘Yes/No approach’ to the
9 interpretation RT-PCR test results without validation against viral culture will result
10 in false positives with possible segregation of large numbers of people who are no
11 longer infectious and hence not a threat to public health.” The researchers concluded
12 that “Complete live viruses are necessary for transmission, not the fragments
13 identified by PCR. Prospective routine testing of reference and culture specimens
14 and their relationship to symptoms, signs and patient co-factors should be used to
15 define the reliability of PCR for assessing infectious potential. Those with high cycle
16 threshold are unlikely to have infectious potential.”¹³

17 89. In spite of all of the known flaws of the test, on “June 13, 2020 [the]
18 CDC initiate[d] PCR test-based strategy requiring all patients that need
19 hospitalization for any reason be tested at time of entry regardless of symptoms. A
20 patient testing positive is categorized as a new COVID-19 case and hospitalization.
21 Patients testing positive are required to be PCR tested every 24 hours until they have
22 2 consecutive negative PCR tests at least 24 hours apart. There are no data collection
23 guidelines within the CSTE Position Paper adopted by the CDC on April 14, 2020,
24 to prevent the same patient being counted multiple times. Additionally, there are no
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26 ¹² “Testing for SARS-CoV-2 in cellular components by routine nested RT-PCR followed by
27 DNA sequencing”, International Journal of Geriatrics and Rehabilitation 2(1):69- 96, July 17,
2020.

28 ¹³ Jefferson, Spencer, et. al., Viral cultures for COVID-19 infectious potential assessment –
systematic review (Dec. 3, 2020).

1 data collection guidelines published separately by the CDC to explicitly prevent the
2 same hospitalized patient from being inaccurately counted as a new case and
3 hospitalization each time they are tested while hospitalized...Over this [next] 34-
4 day time period using the CDC test-based strategy nationwide, current
5 hospitalizations more than doubled while 678,720 Americans recovered, and 21,323
6 Americans passed away.”¹⁴

7 90. Use of the RT-PCR test to diagnose infection with COVID-19 is
8 currently prohibited in dozens of countries.

9 91. In November 2020, a Portuguese appeals court ruled that PCR Tests are
10 unreliable and that it is unlawful to quarantine people based solely on their PCR test
11 results. Citing Jaafar et al., 2020, the Court found that the reliability of the PCR test
12 depends on the cycle threshold used and the viral load present. The Court noted, “[I]f
13 someone is tested by PCR as positive when a threshold of 35 cycles or higher is used
14 (as is the rule in most laboratories in Europe and the US), the probability that said
15 person is infected is less than 3%, and the probability that said result is a false
16 positive is 97%.” The Court also noted, “Given how much scientific doubt exists —
17 as voiced by experts, i.e., those who matter — about the reliability of the PCR tests,
18 given the lack of information concerning the tests’ analytical parameters, and in the
19 absence of a physician’s diagnosis supporting the existence of infection or risk, there
20 is no way this court would ever be able to determine whether C was indeed a carrier
21 of the [virus], or whether A, B and D had been at a high risk of exposure to it.”¹⁵

22 92. In Austria, following Portuguese, German, Dutch, and Pilipino suit, the
23 Vienna Administrative Court held on March 24, 2021, that “a PCR test is not suitable
24 for diagnosis and therefore does not in itself say anything about the disease or
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26 ¹⁴ “COVID-19 Data Collection, Comorbidity & Federal Law: A Historical Retrospective”,
27 Science, Public Health Policy, and The Law Volume 2:4-22, October 12, 2020.

28 ¹⁵ COVID PCR test reliability doubtful – Portugal Judges, The Portugal News (Nov. 27,
2020), <https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/2020-11-27/covid-pcr-test-reliability-doubtful-portugal-judges/56962> [as of July 13, 2021].)

1 infection of a person.” The Court also held that the “information” put forth by the
2 Vienna State Police Department of PCR Test results to justify lockdowns “did not
3 contain any valid and evidenced-based findings[.]”¹⁶

4 93. On June 25, 2021, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) announced
5 that, “Widespread screening of asymptomatic individuals is not a currently
6 recommended strategy due to the significant costs associated with it and the lack of
7 data on its operational effectiveness.”¹⁷

8 SummerBio’s RT-PCR Test

9 94. At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDA adopted a policy
10 allowing commercial entities and laboratories to develop tests to detect the presence
11 of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and utilize those tests pursuant to Emergency Use
12 Authorization as defined in 21 U.S.C. §360bbb-3. That policy is attached hereto as
13 **Exhibit “C”**.

14 95. Laboratory developed tests are authorized by and regulated pursuant to
15 the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments or “CLIA”.

16 96. Pursuant to CLIA, laboratories are permitted to begin utilizing the tests
17 they develop prior to receiving even Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA.
18 However, the FDA guidance issued to CLIA-certified laboratories directs them to
19 validate the accuracy of their tests prior to use and notify the FDA once the validation
20 is complete, and to seek Emergency Use Authorization of the product within fifteen
21 (15) days thereafter.

22 97. In addition to this process, the federal government issued a policy in
23 March 2020 allowing individual states to authorize labs to develop and perform
24 diagnostic testing without the oversight of the federal government. The FDA has

25 ¹⁶ *Austrian Court Rules PCR Test Not Suitable For COVID-19 Diagnosis And That*
26 *Lockdowns [Have] No Legal Basis*, GreatGameIndia Journal on Geopolitics & International
27 Relations (Apr. 8, 2021), <https://greatgameindia.com/austria-court-pcr-test/> [as of July 13, 2021].

28 ¹⁷ *Recommendations for national SARS-CoV-2 testing strategies and diagnostic capacities*
(June, 25 2021) World Health Organization,
<https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1352897/retrieve> [as of July 15, 2021].)

1 requested that laboratories operating pursuant to state authorization and not seeking
2 an EUA still notify the FDA that it is performing PCR testing and of the clinical
3 trials being performed to verify the accuracy of these tests, but it is not required.

4 98. The SummerBio RT-PCR test being utilized by LMU and the LACDPH
5 is listed on the FDA’s website as “Not FDA Authorized”.¹⁸

6 99. The University has a document linked to its website labeled “Fact Sheet
7 for the SummerBio RT-PCR test”, which has a statement contained therein that the
8 test has been authorized for emergency use by the FDA. This would seem to be an
9 intentional misrepresentation being perpetrated by the University. The “Fact Sheet”
10 is attached hereto as **Exhibit “D”**.

11 100. This same document contains other noteworthy information.
12 Specifically, the Fact Sheet states, “The SummerBio High-Throughput Triplex
13 SARS-CoV-2 is authorized for use on respiratory specimens collected from
14 individuals **suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider.**” (Emphasis
15 added). In other words, the test is not to be used for the type of community-wide
16 “surveillance testing” the University and LACDPH intend to use it for, nor is it to
17 be used on asymptomatic individuals, nor without the express recommendation of
18 healthcare provider of the prospective test subject.

19 101. The Fact Sheet also makes clear that, “Laboratory test **results should**
20 **always be considered in the context of clinical observations and epidemiological**
21 **data** in making a final diagnosis and patient management decisions.”¹⁹ This means
22 no person should ever be diagnosed with COVID-19 infection based upon PCR test
23 results alone.

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27 ¹⁸ Notifications and Emergency Use Authorizations: FAQs on Testing for SARS-CoV-2,
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/notifications-and-emergency-use-authorizations-faqs-testing-sars-cov-2> [as of July 21, 2021].

28 ¹⁹ *Ibid.* (emphasis added).

1 **None of the Currently Available Masks to Prevent the**
2 **Transmission of SARS-Cov2 Are Approved by the FDA**

3 102. On April 18, 2020, the FDA issued an EUA authorizing the use of face
4 masks by members of the general public, including health care personnel in
5 healthcare settings as personal protective equipment, to cover their noses and mouths
6 to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3.²⁰

7 103. In the EUA for surgical and/or cloth masks, the FDA states, “labeling
8 must **not** state or imply... that the [mask] is intended for antimicrobial or antiviral
9 protection or related, or for use such as infection prevention or reduction.”²¹

10 104. The April 18 EUA also specifically provides that facemasks are not
11 intended to be used by health care personnel in the healthcare setting as protective
12 personal equipment because they “are neither substitutable for respiratory
13 protective devices such as filtering face piece respirators, nor for surgical face
14 masks.”²²

15 105. The FDA only authorized the use of face masks if the following
16 conditions were met²³:

17 Labeled accurately to describe the product as a face mask
18 and include a list of the body contacting materials (which
19 does not include any drugs or biologics);

20 Labeled accurately so that it does not claim to be intended
21 for use as a surgical mask or to provide liquid barrier
22 protection;

23 Include recommendations against use in a clinical setting
24 where the infection risk level through inhalation exposure
25 is high;

26 Not labeled in such a manner that would misrepresent the
27 product’ s intended use, for example, the labeling must
28 not state or imply that the product is intended for

26 ²⁰ *Emergency Use Authorization | FDA* (April 18, 2021)
<https://www.fda.gov/media/137121/download> [as of July 21, 2021].

27 ²¹ *Ibid.* (emphasis added).

28 ²² *Ibid.*

²³ *Ibid.*

1 antimicrobial or antiviral protection or related uses or is
for use such as infection prevention or reduction;

2 Not labeled as a respiratory protective device, and
3 therefore not be labeled or used for particulate filtration;
and

4 Not labeled for use in high-risk aerosol generating
5 procedures.

6 106. On April 24, 2020, “in response to questions and concerns” received by
7 the FDA following its April 18 EUA for masks, the FDA concluded that revising the
8 April 18, 2020 EUA was appropriate “to protect the public health or safety under
9 section 564(g)(2)(c) of the Act (21 U.S.C. § 360bbb 3(g)(2)(c))” and reissued the
10 April 18 EUA in its entirety with amendments, including “clarifying” that “eligible
11 facemasks **are to be used for source control only**, and are **not** personal protective
12 equipment, meaning they are **not** a substitute for filtering face piece respirators or
13 for surgical face masks.”²⁴

14 107. The FDA defined “source control” as the use of a facemask or cloth
15 face covering “to contain that individual’s respiratory secretions to help prevent
16 transmission from infected individuals who may or may not have symptoms of
17 COVID-19,” and “respiratory secretions” as those produced when speaking,
18 coughing, or sneezing.²⁵ In other words, per the FDA, face masks and coverings are
19 only authorized to prevent the transmission of the virus via respiratory secretions,
20 not airborne particles.

21 **Masks Cause More Harm Than They Prevent**

22 108. Since April 2020, it has been proven that standard cloth and surgical
23 masks offer little-to-zero protection against virus-sized particles or small aerosols.

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25 ²⁴ *Emergency Use Authorization | FDA* (April 24, 2021)
26 <https://www.fda.gov/media/137121/download> (fn. 6, emphasis added);
27 [https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/faqs-emergency-
use-authorization-face-masks-non-surgical](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/faqs-emergency-use-authorization-face-masks-non-surgical)

28 ²⁵ *Ibid.*

1 A single virion of SARS-CoV-2 is about 60-140 nanometers or 0.1 microns. The
2 pore size in a surgical mask 200-1000x greater than that. The CDC states that
3 “surgical masks do not catch all harmful particles in smoke,” and the size of smoke
4 particles in a wildfire are ~0.5 microns, or 5x the size of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.²⁶
5 In fact, after reviewing all of the studies worldwide, the CDC found “**no reduction**
6 **in viral transmission with the use of face masks.**”²⁷

7 109. In studies *pre-dating* COVID-19, in some instances by decades,
8 researchers found that wearing masks causes a host of physiological and
9 psychological burdens on the wearer, including but not limited to hypoxemia²⁸,
10 hypercapnia²⁹, atherosclerosis³⁰, systemic inflammation promoting growth of cancer
11 cells³¹, anxiety and attachment disorders³².

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13 ²⁶ *Filtration Efficiency of Hospital Face Mask Alternatives Available for Use during the*
14 *COVID-19 Pandemic* (August 11, 2020),
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2769443> [since July 23,
15 2021]; *N95 Respirators and Surgical Masks* October 14, 2009, [https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-](https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2009/10/14/n95/)
16 [science-blog/2009/10/14/n95/](https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2009/10/14/n95/) [as of July 23, 2021]; *Effectiveness of Adding a Mask*
17 *Recommendation to Other Public Health Measures to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Danish*
18 *Wearers* (November 19, 2020), <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817> [as of July
19 23, 2021].

20 ²⁷ *Nonpharmaceutical Measures for Pandemic Influenza in Nonhealthcare Settings –*
21 *Personal Protective and Environmental Measures* (Jingyi Xiao¹, Eunice Y. C. Shiu¹, Huizhi
22 Gao, Jessica Y. Wong, Min W. Fong, Sukhyun Ryu, and Benjamin J. Cowling (Volume 26,
23 Number 5, May of 2020) (emphasis added).

24 ²⁸ *The Physiological Impact of N95 Masks of Medical Staff*, National Taiwan University (June
25 2005), <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00173017> [as of July 23, 2021]; *Preliminary*
26 *report on surgical mask induce deoxygenation during major surgery* (April 19, 2008),
27 <https://scielo.isciii.es/pdf/neuro/v19n2/3.pdf> [as of July 23, 2021].

28 ²⁹ *Ibid.*

³⁰ *Chronic intermittent hypoxia induces atherosclerosis* (June 15, 2007),
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2176090/> [as of July 23, 2021].

³¹ *Nuclear Factor-kB: The Enemy Within* (September 2004),
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1535610804002442> [as of July 23, 2021].

³² *Recognition of facial emotions of varying intensities by three-year-olds. Developmental*
25 *Psychology*, Bayet, L., Behrendt, H., Cataldo, J., Westerlund, A., & Nelson, C. (2018). 54(12),
26 2240-2247; Annotation: Development of facial expression recognition from childhood to
27 adolescence: Behavioural and neurological perspectives. *Journal of Child Psychology and*
28 *Psychiatry*, Herba, C., & Phillips, M. (2004). 45(7), 1185-1198.

1 110. As recently as May 2021, student athletes have collapsed during
2 practice and competitions and have even flatlined and needed to be resuscitated³³,
3 mirroring similar events in China in April and May 2020, over a year ago.³⁴

4 **Asymptomatic Transmission Is Not the Driver of Outbreaks**

5 111. Upon information and belief, given that Defendants’ policies are silent
6 as to the reasons behind the testing, masking, and segregating requirements, these
7 are presumably, to protect against “asymptomatic transmission” of COVID-19.

8 112. According to Dr. Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy
9 and Infectious Diseases and leading U.S. governmental authority on the COVID-19
10 pandemic:³⁵

11 [T]he only thing historically that people need to realize is
12 that, even if there is some asymptomatic transmission, in
13 all the history of respiratory borne viruses of any time,
14 asymptomatic transmission has never been the driver of
15 outbreaks. The driver of outbreaks is always the
16 symptomatic person. Even if there is a rare asymptomatic
17 person that might transmit it, an epidemic is not driven by
18 asymptomatic carriers.

16 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **Denial Of Civil Rights Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Fourteenth Amendment)**

18 **(By Plaintiffs against all Defendants)**

19 113. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
20 through 112 as though fully set forth herein.

22 ³³ *Prineville teen collapses at HS basketball practice; player, mother say mask to blame* (May
23 12, 2021), [https://ktvz.com/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/prineville-girl-collapses-at-hs-](https://ktvz.com/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/prineville-girl-collapses-at-hs-basketball-practice-she-her-mother-and-doctor-blame-mask/)
24 [basketball-practice-she-her-mother- and-doctor-blame-mask/](https://ktvz.com/news/coronavirus/2021/05/12/prineville-girl-collapses-at-hs-basketball-practice-she-her-mother-and-doctor-blame-mask/) [as of July 23, 2021]; *Oregon HS*
25 *coach demands end to mask mandate after athlete collapses: “We’re talking about oxygen*
26 *needs”* (April 29, 2021), [https://www.foxnews.com/us/oregon-hs-coach-demands-end-to-mask-](https://www.foxnews.com/us/oregon-hs-coach-demands-end-to-mask-mandate-after-athlete-collapses-were-talking-about-oxygen-needs)
27 [mandate-after-athlete-collapses-were-talking-about-oxygen-needs](https://www.foxnews.com/us/oregon-hs-coach-demands-end-to-mask-mandate-after-athlete-collapses-were-talking-about-oxygen-needs) [as of July 23, 2021].

26 ³⁴ *Two Chinese boys reportedly die within a week of each other while wearing face masks in*
27 *gym class* (May 7, 2020), [https://www.nydailynews.com/coronavirus/ny-coronavirus-two-](https://www.nydailynews.com/coronavirus/ny-coronavirus-two-chinese-boys-die-face-masks-gym-class-20200507-ruyinz7czjbqde3tprx647q3dm-story.html)
28 [chinese-boys-die-face-masks-gym-class-20200507-ruyinz7czjbqde3tprx647q3dm-story.html](https://www.nydailynews.com/coronavirus/ny-coronavirus-two-chinese-boys-die-face-masks-gym-class-20200507-ruyinz7czjbqde3tprx647q3dm-story.html) [as
of July 23, 2021].

28 ³⁵ Update on the New Coronavirus Outbreak First Identified in Wuhan, China (January 28,
2020) <https://youtu.be/w6koHkBCoNQ> [as of July 23, 2021].

1 114. This cause of action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the
2 Fourteenth Amendment to the United State Constitution.

3 115. The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees
4 all Americans the equal protection of law: “One of the fundamental goals of the
5 Equal Protection Clause [is] the abolition of governmental barriers presenting
6 unreasonable obstacles to advancement on the basis of individual merit.” *Plyler v.*
7 *Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202, 221-222.

8 116. The Equal Protection Clause protects individual persons as much as it
9 does groups or classifications of persons. *See, e.g., Parents Involved in Cmty. Sch.*
10 *v. Seattle Sch. Dist. No. 1* (2007) 551 U.S. 701, 743.

11 117. The Equal Protection Clause applies to government actors, or to private
12 actors acting under color of state law. “Private parties act under color of state law if
13 they willfully participate in joint action with state officials to deprive others of
14 constitutional rights.” *United Steelworkers of Am. v. Phelps Dodge Corp.* (9th Cir.
15 1989) 865 F.2d 1539, 1540. Here, the University is acting as an agent of the
16 LACDPH in implementing the policies complained of herein including, but not
17 limited to, “surveillance testing” of unvaccinated students.

18 118. Plaintiffs are being deprived by Defendants and their policies of equal
19 protection under the law as guaranteed to them by the Fourteenth Amendment to the
20 United States Constitution. Specifically, Ryan, Riley, and other students unable to
21 comply with the University’s vaccine requirement on religious or medical grounds
22 (as permitted by well-established law and the University’s stated policy), are being
23 forced to live in segregated housing, hide their smiles and other facial expressions
24 from their peers, and be subjected to “surveillance testing”. This testing may lead to
25 additional segregationist measures such as removal from campus and forced
26 quarantine. Vaccinated students, on the other hand, will not be subject to these or
27 any special requirements even though the vaccines are not 100% effective and are
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1 possibly entirely ineffective against new strains of the virus said to be more prevalent
2 currently than the original strain.³⁶

3 119. The University does not condition exemption from the measles,
4 mumps, or rubella vaccines to any similar conditions or requirements or
5 requirements. Therefore, Defendants are treating medically compromised and
6 religious students who are exempted from the COVID-19 vaccine differently and
7 worse than students exempted from any other University-mandated vaccine, based
8 exclusively upon the nature of the vaccine.

9 120. Plaintiffs are further being deprived by Defendants and their policies of
10 equal protection under the law as guaranteed to them by the Fourteenth Amendment
11 to the United States Constitution because they are being subjected to the
12 aforementioned offensive, burdensome, and discriminatory conditions based
13 exclusively upon their vaccination status – all in the name of protecting the LMU
14 community – while unvaccinated faculty and staff are not.

15 121. Plaintiffs are being discriminated against on the basis of their medical
16 condition and on the basis of their religion and religious beliefs. This deprivation of
17 equal access to education, housing, and other benefits of the University is
18 discriminatory, and Defendants lack a compelling or rational basis for the
19 implementation of such policies. Accordingly, Defendants have violated and
20 continue to violate Ryan’s and Riley’s right to equal protection under the law, and
21 Defendants’ policies cannot stand.

27 ³⁶ Data released from Israel in July 2021 showing that seventy-five to ninety-four percent (75-
28 94%) of new COVID-19 cases in Israel are in those who have been vaccinated (Israel Minister of
Health Dashboard, <https://dashboard.health.gov.il/COVID-19/general> [as of July 21, 2021].

1 policies cannot satisfy strict scrutiny because LMU is allowing other students to live,
2 matriculate, and otherwise fully participate in campus life, without restriction or
3 condition, even though these students also present a threat of COVID-19.

4 127. LMU’s religious exemption review process constitutes a substantial
5 burden on Ryan’s free exercise of his Christian faith under the First Amendment and
6 the California Constitution because LMU is denying Ryan, and other similarly
7 situated Christian students the same due process rights and protections in evaluating
8 and deciding whether or not to grant or deny a religious exemption request based
9 solely upon their Christian affiliation. LMU’s discriminatory, burdening religious
10 exemption review process cannot satisfy strict scrutiny because LMU is reviewing
11 the religious exemption requests of religious students of non-Christian faith under
12 less stringent standards.

13 128. As a result of these violations of Ryan’s constitutional rights to exercise
14 his religion, Ryan has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Ryan is
15 also entitled to recover costs and attorneys’ fees under 42 U.S.C § 1983 and under
16 California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 plus injunctive relief and a judicial
17 declaration that LMU’s actions were unconstitutional.

18 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **Denial Of Civil Rights Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Fourth Amendment)**

20 **(By All Plaintiffs against all Defendants)**

21 129. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
22 through 112 as though fully set forth herein.

23 130. This cause of action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the
24 Fourth Amendment to the United State Constitution.

25 131. The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution states that all
26 citizens have the right “to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects,
27 against unreasonable searches and seizures[.]”

1 132. The Fourth Amendment applies to government action that intrudes
2 upon an individual’s reasonable expectation of privacy. *Katz v. U.S.* (1967) 389 U.S.
3 347, 361.

4 133. Collection of deoxyribonucleic acid (“DNA”) or other biologic material
5 from a person constitutes a search and seizure and intrusion into the privacy interests
6 of that person protected by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
7 *Skinner v. Ry. Labor Executives' Ass'n* (1989) 489 U.S. 602, 616; *Winston v. Lee*
8 (1985) 470 U.S. 753, 760 (1985); *Schmerber v. California* (1966) 384 U.S. 757,
9 767-68; *U.S. v. Kincade* (9th Cir. 2004) 379 F.3d813, 821.

10 134. “[T]he [Fourth Amendment](#)’s proper function is to constrain, not against
11 all intrusions as such, but against intrusions which are not justified in the
12 circumstances, or which are made in an improper manner.” *Maryland v. King*
13 (2013) 569 U.S. 435, 438; *Schmerber, supra*, at 768 (internal citations omitted). “As
14 the text of the [Fourth Amendment](#) indicates, the ultimate measure of the
15 constitutionality of a governmental search is ‘reasonableness.’” *Ibid.*; quoting
16 *Vernonia Sch. Distr. 47J v. Acton* (1995) 515 U.S. 646, 65w. In determining
17 whether the intrusion is “reasonable,” the Court has preferred “some quantum of
18 individualized suspicion . . . [as] a prerequisite to a constitutional search or seizure.”
19 *Ibid.*

20 135. Plaintiffs have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their body
21 cavities, as well as in their personal medical, health and genetic information. *See*
22 *Rakas et al. v. Illinois* (1978) 439 U.S. 128.

23 136. Defendants’ indiscriminate, mandatory surveillance testing program of
24 all unvaccinated or “exempted” students, regardless of symptomology or exposure,
25 is unsupported by either individualized suspicion or sufficient special needs to
26 justify such any intrusion into their reasonable expectations of physical and personal
27 privacy. As such, Defendants’ mandatory surveillance testing program violates
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1 Plaintiffs’ Fourth Amendment rights. *See, e.g., B.C. v. Plumas Unified Sch. Dist.*
2 (9th Cir. Sep. 20, 1999, No. 97-17287) 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 38863, at *22-24.

3 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Violation Of 21 U.S. Code § 360bbb–3**

5 **(By Plaintiffs against all Defendants)**

6 137. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
7 through 112 as though fully set forth herein.

8 138. “Under section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
9 (FD&C Act), when the Secretary of HHS declares that an emergency use
10 authorization is appropriate, FDA may authorize unapproved medical products or
11 unapproved uses of approved medical products to be used in an emergency to
12 diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions caused
13 by [chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear] threat agents when certain
14 criteria are met, including there are no adequate, approved, and available
15 alternatives.”³⁷

16 139. The relevant portion of the FD&C Act, found at 21 U.S. Code §
17 360bbb–3(e)(1)(A)(ii), imposes the following conditions on the dissemination of
18 products that have received emergency use authorization:

19 Appropriate conditions designed to ensure that individuals to whom the
20 product is administered are informed:

21 (I) that the Secretary has authorized the emergency use of the
product;

22 (II) of the significant known and potential benefits and risks of
23 such use, and of the extent to which such benefits and risks are
unknown; and

24 (III) of the option to accept or refuse administration of the
25 product, of the consequences, if any, of refusing administration
26 of the product, and of the alternatives to the product that are
available and of their benefits and risks.”

27 ³⁷ *Emergency Use Authorization | FDA*, [https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-
28 response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization) [as of July
21, 2021].

1 140. Defendants and their policies are in violation of 21 U.S. Code §
2 360bbb-3(e)(1)(A)(ii) (III) by failing to provide the required option to refuse PCR
3 testing and the use of masks to prevent the transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

4 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **Deprivation Of Equal Protection Under Article 1, Section 7(A) Of The**
6 **California Constitution**

7 **(By Plaintiffs against all Defendants)**

8 141. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
9 through 112 and 113 through 121 as though fully set forth herein.

10 142. Article I, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution provides, “A
11 person may not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law
12 or denied equal protection of the laws.”

13 143. Defendants have violated Plaintiffs’ right to Equal Protection afforded
14 to them under Article 1, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution, as described
15 hereinabove in relation to Plaintiffs’ claim for violation of the Fourteenth
16 Amendment, including but not limited to being forced to live in segregated housing,
17 masking, being subjected to “surveillance testing”, and being subject to force
18 quarantine procedures, while their unvaccinated peers and University faculty and
19 staff are not.

20 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Deprivation Of Privacy Under Article 1, Section 1 Of The California**
22 **Constitution**

23 **(By Plaintiffs against all Defendants)**

24 144. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through
25 112 as though fully set forth herein.

26 145. Article I, Section I of the California Constitution recognizes that “[a]ll
27 people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights” including
28 “pursuing and obtaining...privacy.”

1 University, and, again, upon executing their 2021-2022 housing agreements; paying
2 their housing deposits; and registering for on-campus housing (hereinafter
3 collectively “the Agreements”). Pursuant to the express, unambiguous terms of the
4 Agreements, Plaintiffs are entitled to full, unfettered access to all University
5 facilities and programs, and to the agreed-upon University housing.

6 151. Plaintiffs performed all, or substantially all, of the things that the
7 Agreements required them to do, or were otherwise excused from doing these things.
8 All conditions required by the Agreements for University’s performance had
9 occurred.

10 152. After Plaintiffs and LMU entered into the Agreements, and after
11 Plaintiffs performed, LMU attempted to add terms to the Agreements to which
12 Plaintiffs did and do not agree.

13 153. The University has breached the Agreements by failing honor the terms
14 of the Agreements as written, and by attempting to add terms to the Agreements
15 without Plaintiffs’ consent.

16 154. The University has not performed or been excused from performing
17 under the terms of the Agreements.

18 155. As a proximate result of the University’s breaches, and each of them,
19 Plaintiffs have been damaged by being deprived of their housing placements and not
20 being allowed to attend University without being subjected to the extra-contractual
21 terms coercively and unlawfully placed upon them. Plaintiffs have also been
22 financially damaged in an amount to be proven at trial with interest thereon at the
23 maximum rate permitted by law.

24 156. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover attorneys’
25 fees and costs incurred against LMU pursuant to the terms of these Agreements.

26 **REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

27 Plaintiffs request a jury trial on matters that may be so tried.
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1 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:

3 A. That this Court issue a Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary
4 Injunction, and a Permanent Injunction enjoining Defendants, Defendants’ officers,
5 agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons acting in concert or participation
6 with them, from enforcing their vaccination policy as described herein; and,

7 B. That this Court issue a Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary
8 Injunction, and a Permanent Injunction enjoining Defendants, Defendants’ officers,
9 agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons acting in concert or participation
10 with them, from mandating those students exempted from the University’s vaccine
11 mandate to submit to PCR or other laboratory testing, collection of their personal
12 bodily fluids for any COVID-19 related purpose, or masking; and,

13 C. That this Court issue a Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary
14 Injunction, and a Permanent Injunction enjoining Defendants, Defendants’ officers,
15 agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons acting in concert or participation
16 with them, from collecting and disseminating via VaxLMU System or any other
17 similar database or portal any and all health information of students, including, but
18 not limited to, vaccination status and results of PCR testing; and,

19 D. That Plaintiffs be awarded monetary damages for breach of contract
20 against Loyola Marymount University, in an amount to be proven at trial; and,

21 E. That this Court declare Plaintiffs are a prevailing party and award
22 Plaintiffs the reasonable costs and expenses of this action, including reasonable
23 attorney’s fees in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §1988, or other applicable statute or
24 law; and

1 F. That this Court grant such other and further relief as this Court deems
2 equitable and just under the circumstances.

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4 Respectfully submitted,

5 TYLER & BURSCH, LLP

6 Dated: July 24, 2021

7 /s/ Robert H. Tyler, Esq.

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