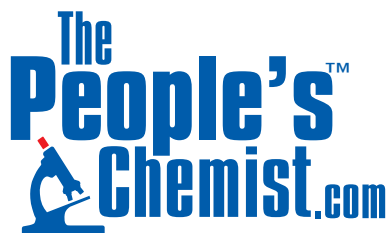


VACCINE EXEMPTIONS FOR ALL 50 STATES

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VACCINE EXEMPTION FORMS AND/OR INFORMATION

FOR ALL 50 STATES

Alabama

“A written objection from the parent or guardian of a student based on religious tenets and practices shall be submitted in person by the parent or guardian to the County Health Department for issuance of a Certificate of Religious Exemption from the required immunizations or testing.”

<http://www.adph.org/Immunization/assets/SchoolImmLaw.pdf> (Page 1)

Alaska

Immunization Requirements Religious Exemption Form

http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/ImmunizationManual_v03.pdf (Page 37)

Arizona

Child Care Centers Request For Exemption to Immunization

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/childcareexemption.pdf>

Schools Request for Exemption to Immunization

<http://azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/school-exemption-form.pdf>

Arkansas

http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/aboutADH/RulesRegs/immunization_requirements.pdf

California

School Immunization Record

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/pubsforms/forms/CtrlForms/pm286b.pdf>

Colorado

State Vaccine Requirements

<http://www.nvic.org/Vaccine-Laws/state-vaccine-requirements/colorado.aspx>

Connecticut

Religious Exemption Certification Form

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/Religious_Exemption.pdf

Delaware

Department of Public Health and Environment -- Certificate of Immunization
Childcare and Schools

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/sessionlaws/ga130/chp404.shtml> (contains exact wording for exemption affidavit)

District of Columbia

“No certification of immunization shall be required for the admission to a school of a student:

(1) For whom the responsible person objects in good faith and in writing, to the chief official of the school, that immunization would violate his or her religious beliefs; or (2) For whom the school has written certification by a private physician, his or her representative, or the public health authorities that immunization is medically inadvisable.” (D.C. Code 38-506)

<http://www.nvic.org/Vaccine-Laws/state-vaccine-requirements/district-of-columbia.aspx>

Florida

Immunization Guidelines Florida Schools, Childcare Facilities, and Family Daycare Homes

<http://www.immunizeflorida.org/schoolguide.pdf>

Text of Florida law regarding immunizations

<http://www.nvic.org/Vaccine-Laws/state-vaccine-requirements/florida.aspx>

Form to opt out of “SHOTS” (State Health Online Tracking System)

http://www.flshots.org/_pdfs/OptOutDH-1478.pdf

Georgia

Immunization Guidelines for Child Care Facility Operators and School Personnel

<http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/prevention/immunization/3231instructions.03.pdf> (Page 2)

“If there is a religious exemption, the parent/guardian must give the facility/school a signed and dated notarized statement or affidavit stating that immunizations are against their religious beliefs. This affidavit should be filed instead of the Certificate of Immunization. The affidavit does not expire.”

Hawaii

“Religious exemption forms may be completed at the school that your child will attend.”

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol05_Ch0261-0319/HRS0302A/HRS_0302A-1156.htm

The Hawaii religious exemption form states, “I certify that immunization conflicts with my bona fide religious tenets and practices. I understand that my child is susceptible to vaccine preventable diseases. If at anytime there is, in the opinion of the Department of Health, danger of an outbreak or epidemic from any communicable disease for which immunization is required, this exemption shall not be recognized. I understand that my child will be excluded from school until the threat of an epidemic is over or he or she receives the proper immunization. (Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 302A-1157)”

Idaho

Idaho Certificate of Immunization Exemption Childcare Immunization Requirement

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Immunizations/Childcare%20Exemption%20Form%20-%20English.pdf>

State of Idaho Certificate of Exemption for Schools

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Immunizations/Provider%20Exemption%20Form%20.pdf>

Note on Idaho exemption forms: You may not feel comfortable initialing those statements that you understand you are putting your child at risk. Idaho law does not require that you use those forms. Idaho law for child care:

Child Care - Health and Welfare - Idaho

Illinois

Law regarding exemptions

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/077006950000300R.html>

Indiana

“A religious objection must be in writing and state that the objection to immunization is based on religious grounds; signed by the child’s parent; and delivered to the school. There is no requirement of proof. The written objection must be resubmitted to the school each year.”

https://chirp.in.gov/chirp_files/docs/School%20Imm%20Req%20FAQS%202008-2009V2.pdf

Iowa

Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/immunization/products/cert_of_immunization.pdf

Kansas

Certificate of Immunizations

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KCI_Form.pdf

Certificate of Immunizations - Form B

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/imm_manual_pdf/KCI_formB.pdf

Kentucky

Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Religious Exemption

<http://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Documents/ReligiousCertificateRev082010.pdf>

Louisiana

Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators

<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/28v115/28v115.doc>

Cut and paste the address above into your web browser. (from page 29) E. “No student seeking to enter any school shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Section if the student or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.”

Maine

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/20-a/title20-Asec6355.html>

Maryland

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Immunization Certificate

<http://www.crs.umd.edu/terpquest/forms/896.pdf>

Meningococcal waiver information for college

<http://ideha.dhmh.md.gov/OIDEOR/IMMUN/SitePages/meningococcal-disease.aspx>

Massachusetts

The parent or guardian should state “in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his sincere religious beliefs.”

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/76-15.htm>

Michigan

Text of law regarding exemptions to vaccines

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(znyzenvykqrdp245fhx50e55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-333-9215](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(znyzenvykqrdp245fhx50e55))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=mcl-333-9215)

Official exemption form

<http://www.momvaccines.org/forms/vaccination-exemption.pdf>

Opt-out form for the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR), which is a vaccine registry:

<http://www.mcir.org/forms/OptOut%20Form%20Jan07.pdf>

Minnesota

Submit a notarized statement that all or some immunizations are against your “conscientiously held beliefs.” (Do not need to be religious beliefs).

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/laws/exemption.html>

Text of Statute

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=121A.15>

Mississippi

Only allows medical exemptions to vaccines. They are very difficult to get. A physician (M.D. or D.O.) can request a medical exemption, but a government health official decides whether or not to grant it. Vaccines are not required for homeschooling.

http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/resources/2578.pdf

Text of Statute

<http://www.mscode.com/free/statutes/41/023/0037.htm>

Missouri

Text of law regarding exemptions to vaccines

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/19csr/19c20-28.pdf>

Montana

For a religious exemption, ask for the HES-113 form from the Department of Public Health and Human Services. It must be notarized every year.

<http://www.mtech.edu/onestop/registrar/pdf/Affidavitreligiousgrounds%20Fillable.pdf>

http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/immunization/documents/HES_113_religious_exemp.pdf

Nebraska

Refusal of Immunization of Student for Religious Reasons

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/ReligiousAFFIDAVIT.pdf>

Refusal of Immunization for Medical Reasons

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/MedicalExemption.pdf>

Nevada

“NRS 392.437 Immunization of pupils: Exemption if prohibited by religious belief. A public school shall not refuse to enroll a child as a pupil because the child has not been immunized pursuant to NRS 392.435 if the parents or guardian of the child has submitted to the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of a charter school in which the child has been accepted for enrollment a written statement indicating that their religious belief prohibits immunization of such child or ward.”

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-392.html#NRS392Sec437>

New Hampshire

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/exemptions.htm>

Certificate of Religion Exemption

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/documents/exemption.pdf>

New Jersey

http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/religious_exemption.pdf

New Mexico

Certificate of Religious Exemption from school/daycare Immunizations Requirements

http://www.immunizenm.org/documents/2012_NM_School_Immunization_Exemption.pdf

New York

Request for Religious Exemption to Immunization Form

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/modelreligiousexemptionformmarch10.pdf>

(Many New York residents have had their requests for exemption denied. You need to research and be very careful about the wording before you submit the request).

North Carolina

Vaccination Exemption Information

<http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm>

North Dakota

Certificate of Immunization

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Documents/Providers/Forms/CertificateofImmunization.pdf>

Ohio

Text of law:

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3313.671>

“A pupil who presents a written statement of the pupil’s parent or guardian in which the parent or guardian declines to have the pupil immunized for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, is not required to be immunized.”

Oklahoma

http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Prevention,_Preparedness/Immunizations/Vaccines_for_School/index.html

Oregon

Immunization Law Handbook

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Documents/SchLawHandbook.pdf>

Claiming A Religious Exemption to School / Child Care Immunization Requirements In Oregon

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/preventionwellness/vaccinesimmunization/gettingimmunized/documents/schrelexemtbrch.pdf>

Religious Exemptions to Oregon School Immunization Requirements

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/Documents/ReligExemptReport.pdf>

Pennsylvania

Law Regarding Exemptions for Child Care

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter27/s27.77.html>

Law Regarding Exemptions for School

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter23/s23.84.html>

Rhode Island

Daycare, Preschools, and Schools

<http://www.health.state.ri.us/publications/requirements/>

[SummaryDaycarePreschoolAndSchoolAndRecommendationsForGrantingExemptions.pdf](#)

South Carolina

A South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption may be obtained from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. (DHEC Form 1126) Here is a directory of offices.

<http://www.scdhec.gov/health/countymap.htm>

You must go in person to get the form. It must be notarized.

South Dakota

<http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/DisplayStatute.aspx?Statute=13-28-7.1&Type=Statute>

Tennessee

Religious Exemption from Vaccination

http://www.tn.gov/education/schoolhealth/healthservices/doc/Religious_Immun_Exemp.pdf

Text of Statute

<http://www.state.tn.us/tccy/tnchild/49/49-6-5001.htm>

Texas

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm#exclusions>

Utah

School and Early Childhood Program Immunization Guidebook 2008/2009.

<http://www.utahschoolnurses.org/HTML/home/redbook2008.pdf>

Request to Withdraw from the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System

http://www.usiis.org/acrobat_files/Withdraw%20form.pdf

Vermont

School Immunization Exemption Form

http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/School_Immunization_Exemption_Form.pdf

Virginia

Certificate of Religious Exemption

http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/Immunization/documents/SchoolRegulations/cre_1.pdf

Health Information Form/Comprehensive Physical Examination Report/Certification of Immunization

<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/Immunization/documents/SchoolRegulations/schoolform.pdf>

West Virginia

Certificate of Exemption (COE) From School, Child Care, and Preschool Immunization Requirements

http://www.wvdhhr.org/immunizations/pdf/wv_code_16_3_4.pdf

If you want to work toward changing the law, here is a link to “West Virginians for Vaccination Exemption”

<http://www.wvve.info/index.html>

Washington State

Certificate of Exemption For School, Child Care and Preschool Immunization Requirements

http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-106_CertificateofExemption.pdf

Wisconsin

“The immunization requirement is waived if the student, if an adult, or the student’s parent, guardian or legal custodian submits a written statement to the school, day care center or nursery school objecting to the immunization for reasons of health, religion or personal conviction.”

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/252.pdf> (Page 2)

“A pupil who presents a written statement of the pupil’s parent or guardian in which the parent or guardian declines to have the pupil immunized for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, is not required to be immunized.”

Wyoming

Rules and Regulations for School Immunizations.

<http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/4227.pdf> (Page 2 - Click on "Minimum Immunization Requirements)