



CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATIONS

According to Massachusetts law (105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L. c. 76, ss. 15, 15C and 15D), there are only two situations, in which children who are not appropriately immunized, may be admitted to school:

- 1). A **medical exemption** is allowed if a physician submits documentation attesting that an immunization is medically contraindicated; or
- 2). A **religious exemption** is allowed if a parent or guardian submits a written statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs.

The MA law states that medical exemptions **must be presented at the beginning of each school year**. The MA Department of Public Health (MDPH) additionally requires annual renewal of religious exemptions in writing at the start of each school year beginning in 2018-2019. Philosophical exemptions are not allowed by law in MA, even if signed by a physician. Only medical and religious exemptions are acceptable. These exemptions must be placed in the students' school health records at the start of every school year.

Date: _____ School Year: _____

Name of Child (print): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Name of School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

Only complete ONE section below, medical OR religious reason:

MEDICAL EXEMPTION *(completed by physician only if you are using medical reasons, otherwise use the religious reason)*

I hereby certify that immunization(s) are medically contraindicated for the above named child due to (please explain)

Physician/Health Care Provider (print): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Physician: _____

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION *(parent to complete this section for religious reason)*

To receive a religious exemption to vaccination, a parent or legal guardian must provide a statement detailing the religious beliefs that prevent the child from receiving school vaccinations being requested. In the space provided below, state the religious grounds for vaccination exemption.

Parent/Guardian (name): _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____