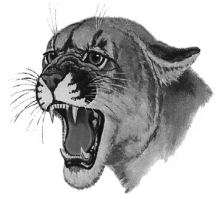




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REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATION

Definition of Allowable Exemptions

There are two situations when children may be admitted into schools that have not been immunized as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program:

- 1) Medical Exemption - allowed if a physician submits documentation that an immunization is medically contraindicated.
- 2) Religious Exemption - allowed if a parent or guardian submits a written statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs.

Massachusetts Law does not allow for philosophical exemptions, even if signed by a physician. Only medical and religious exemptions are acceptable. These exemptions must be kept in the student's file at school (10SCMR 220.00 and M.G.L.c.76, ss1SC).

Exclusion During Disease Outbreaks

In situations when one or more cases of disease are present in school, all susceptible, including those with medical and religious exemptions, are subject to exclusion as described in the Reportable Disease and isolation and Quarantine Requirements (105 CMR 300.000).

DECLARATION OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATION

As the legal parent/guardian of _____ DOB _____ and having responsibility of stated minor, I request that stated minor be exempt from immunization requirements in accordance with the tenets of the religion I profess. This is in accordance with the Massachusetts Law 105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L.c.76, ss.1SC. Exempt immunizations:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent Telephone: _____ Date: _____

Please see the Old Colony Inoculation Policy below:

INOCULATIONS OF STUDENTS

Students entering school for the first time, whether at kindergarten or through transfer from another school system, will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, tetanus, measles, and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health.

The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would not be in the best interests of the child; or, the student's parent or guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent.

Policy References: M.G.L. 76:15

Policy Cross References: JF-E-1 -School Admissions
Inoculations of Students Policy # JLCB

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