

Here are the vaccine exemption forms and/or information for all 50 states.

If you're nosy, check out your state's exemption rates. <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26337586>

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/ass...hoollmmLaw.pdf> (1st page)

Alaska

Alaska Immunization Requirements Religious Exemption Form

http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/...Manual_v03.pdf

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Alaska

Alaska Immunization Requirements Medical Exemption Form

http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/...Manual_v03.pdf

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Arizona child care centers

Request For Exemption to Immunization

<http://azdhs.gov/als/forms/ccgh10.pdf>

Arizona schools

Request for Exemption to Immunization

<http://azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/schoo...ption-form.pdf>

Arkansas

http://www.healtharkansas.com/rules...ments_2004.pdf (pages 4 and 5)

California

California School Immunization Record

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/pubsforms/for...rms/pm286b.pdf>

Colorado childcare and schools

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment -- Certificate of Immunization

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immu...-certofimm.pdf>

Colorado colleges and universities

Certificate of Immunization for College Students

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immu...-collegeCI.pdf>

Connecticut

Religious Exemption Certification Form

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PD..._Exemption.pdf

Delaware

http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/...tml#P227_51758 (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)

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.doh.state.fl.us/Family/Sc...e/64D-3046.pdf>

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

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

Georgia childcare and schools

Immunization Guidelines for Child Care Facility Operators and School Personnel

<http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/preve...ctions.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."

Georgia colleges and universities
University System of Georgia Certificate of Immunization
http://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/f...n/coi-form.pdf

Hawaii
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscur...0302A-1156.htm>
<http://hawaii.gov/health/family-child...alth-faqs.html> "Religious exemption forms may be completed at the school that your child will attend."

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 child care
State of Idaho Certificate of Exemption Child Care Immunization Requirement
<https://iris.idaho.gov/irisweb/pdf/C...ExemptForm.pdf>

Idaho schools
State of Idaho Certificate of Exemption
<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Li...d=885&mid=2742>

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: <http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newi...id=390110018.K>
Idaho law for schools: <http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newi...id=390480002.K>

Illinois
law regarding exemptions <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/...50000300R.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/doc...008-2009V2.pdf

Iowa
Iowa Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption
<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/co...munization.pdf>

Kansas
Certificate of Immunizations
http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KCI_Form.pdf

Kentucky
Commonwealth of Kentucky Childhood Immunization Law Certificate of Religious Exemption (EPID-230C)
<http://www.owen.k12.ky.us/attendance...ERTIFICATE.doc>

Louisiana
Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators
doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/28v115/28v115.doc
cut and paste the address above into your web browser.
(from page 29) "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/statu...-Asec6355.html>

Maryland
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Immunization Certificate http://edcp.org/pdf/896_form.pdf
Meningococcal waiver information for college <http://edcp.org/html/meningupdate.html>

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\(yd3...e=mcl-333-9215](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(yd3...e=mcl-333-9215)
Official exemption form: <http://www.momvaccines.org/miform.pdf>
Alternate exemption form if you don't want to admit to putting your child at risk: <http://www.momvaccines.org/momform.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/i...exemption.html>

Text of statute:

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/...es/?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...urces/2578.pdf>

Text of statute:

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

If you want to work toward changing the law, here is the link to the Mississippi Vaccine Information Center.

<http://parents.meetup.com/465/?success=details2>

Missouri

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/cu...r/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://mt.gov.cdc.nicusa.com/search?...DPHHS&oe=UTF-8>

Nebraska

Refusal of Immunization of Student for Religious Reasons

http://dhhs.ne.gov/immunization/Religious_AFFIDAVIT.pdf

Nebraska

Refusal of Immunization for Medical Reasons

http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/immunization/...ON_medical.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-3...l#NRS392Sec437>

New Hampshire

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/IMM.../exemption.htm>

New Jersey

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/chap14.htm>

New Mexico

Certificate of Exemption From School/Daycare Immunization Requirements

http://www.immunizenm.org/documents/Exemption_new.pdf

New York

Request for Religious Exemption to Immunization Form

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/sss/school...ormmarch10.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.immunizenc.com/Exemptions.htm>

North Dakota

Certificate of Immunization

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Doc...Public/COI.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."

Brochure about Ohio's immunization registry, and how to opt out: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/ASSETS/A3A45...A/impacts.pdf>

Oklahoma

http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Pr...ool/index.html

<http://www.oklahomahealthfreedom.org...ertificate.pdf> (day care and school exemption form)

<http://www.oklahomahealthfreedom.org/exemptions.html> (college exemption information)

Oregon

Oregon Certificate of Immunization Status

<http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/docs/SchCISform08.pdf>

This is the brochure you are supposed to read before signing the religious exemption:

<http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/docs/SchRelExempbrch.pdf>

Pennsylvania

law regarding exemptions for child care <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/02...27/s27.77.html>

law regarding exemptions for school <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/02...23/s23.84.html>

Rhode Island

Daycare, preschools, and schools <http://www.health.state.ri.us/immuni...ol-schools.pdf>

Colleges and universities <http://www.health.state.ri.us/immuni...University.pdf> (page 5)S

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.net/health/countymap.htm>. You must go in person to get the form. It must be notarized.

South Dakota

<http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/Di...1&Type=Statute>

Tennessee

Religious Exemption from Vaccination

<http://tennessee.gov/education/schoo...ormED-5379.pdf>

text of statute

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

Texas

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize...htm#exclusions>

Utah

Utah School and Early Childhood Program Immunization Guidebook 2008/2009.

<http://www.immunize-utah.org/provide...ook%202008.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/docu...ption_Form.pdf

Virginia

Certificate of Religious Exemption

http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemi...ents/cre_1.pdf

Washington state

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

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/d...fexemption.pdf>

West Virginia

Only allows medical exemptions to vaccines

http://www.wvdhhr.org/immunizations/...ode_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>

Wisconsin

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/Stat0252.pdf> (page 2) "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."

Wyoming

Rules and Regulations for School Immunizations: <http://wdh.state.wy.us/familyhealth/...n/schools.html> (Click on "Minimum Immunization Requirements") (2nd page)

Info on immunization registry and opting out: <http://wdh.state.wy.us/familyhealth/...tion/WyIR.html> (Click on "WyIR Opt Out Form")