

HARVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM
IMMUNIZATIONS

Definition of Allowable Exemptions

There are two situations in which children who are not appropriately immunized may be admitted to school:

- 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 philosophical exemptions, even if signed by a physician. Only medical and religious exemptions are acceptable. These exemptions must be kept in the students' files at school (105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L.c.76, ss.15C).

Exclusion During Disease Outbreaks

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

DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATION

As a parent (guardian) having control of and responsibility for _____, a minor enrolled in The Harvard Public Schools, I request that said minor be exempt from immunization requirements in accordance with the tenets of the religion I profess. This is in accordance with Massachusetts Law 105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L.c.76, ss.15C.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name