

EXEMPTIONS 101



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What is a religious exemption?

Religious exemptions are used when a parent has a sincerely held belief that prohibits their child/children from receiving vaccinations.

How Do I Get an exemption?

Because each state sets their own laws, every process is different for each state.

It can also depend on the school. Your school may have their own form for you to complete.

Exemption Template

According to M.G.L., Ch. 76, Section 15 (Vaccination and Immunization), “In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease by the Department of Public Health, no child whose parent or guardian states in writing that the vaccination or immunization conflicts with his sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said physician’s certificate in order to be admitted to school.

As the parent/guardian of _____, I request that this minor be exempt from the vaccination and immunization requirements on religious grounds in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 76, Section 15.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _____

Massachusetts Requirements

In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the department of public health, no child whose parent or guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said physician's certificate in order to be admitted to school.

Unless one is provided by an organization, there is no official form. A letter can be used and come from the parent/guardian or the individual seeking exemption. The religious exemption request should state in writing that a vaccine conflicts with his/her the individual's sincerely held religious belief.