

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 Form

Montana Requirements

Student's Full Name	Birth Date	Age	Sex
School: _____			
If student is under 18, name of parent, guardian, or other person responsible for student's care and custody: _____			
Street address and city: _____			
Telephone: _____			
I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that immunization against the following is contrary to my religious tenets and practices (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DTaP, DT, Tdap)	<input type="checkbox"/> Polio		
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
I also understand that: Pursuant to section 20-5-405, MCA, in the event of an outbreak of one of the diseases listed above, the above-exempted student may be excluded from school by the local health officer or the Department of Public Health and Human Services until the student is no longer at risk for contracting or transmitting that disease.			
_____ Signature of parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the above student's care and custody; or of the student, if 18 or older.		_____ Date	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.			

(1) A prospective pupil seeking to attend school is exempt from those immunization requirements specified in a religious exemption that is prepared and signed in accordance with the requirements of 20-5-405, MCA. The religious exemption must be prepared using form HES 113 "Affidavit of Exemption on Religious Grounds from Montana School Immunization Law and Rules" provided by the department.

(2) The form must be provided to the school prior to attendance by the pupil.

(3) The original copy of the claim of religious exemption must be kept by the school as part of the pupil's school record.

Signature: Notary Public for the State of Montana

Print Name: Notary Public for the State of Montana

Residing in _____
My commission expires _____

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