

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

Name

Address

Date:

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Pennsylvania Religious Exemption

I/We _____,
being the parents/legal guardians of
_____, object to the
immunization requirements as outlined by
the Department of Health of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as defined
in 28 PA. CODE CH.23 on the basis of
my/our religious beliefs and strong moral,
ethical convictions as outlined in section §
23.84 Exemption from immunization. This
notice serves as our objection in writing as
required by Pennsylvania law.

Sincerely,

Parent/Legal Guardian Name Signature

Pennsylvania Requirements

The state of Pennsylvania indicates children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.

The sample letter can be used for K-12 public/private PA schools. May also be used for most daycare providers.