

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.

Texas Requirements

Exemption Request Form



Texas Department of State Health Services



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Affidavit Request for Exemption from School or Childcare Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience

COVID-19 Update

1. The COVID-19 vaccine is NOT included on the vaccine exemption request affidavit as it is not a required vaccine at this time for people enrolled in child-care/Pre-K facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, or universities.

2. Texas DSHS staff continue to process conscientious exemption requests. Exemption requests are processed in the order they are received and it may take up to 3 weeks for requested affidavits to be mailed.

* Required fields

First name, last name, and birth date are required for each individual; the middle name is optional. If exemptions are requested for only one individual, the information must be entered on the first line. Valid birth dates are required; future birth dates are not allowed.

I wish to obtain an Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Affidavit Form. Please provide me with exemption affidavit forms for the individuals listed below (maximum 5 forms per individual).

Name of Parent, Legal Guardian, or Self

* First Name

* Last Name

* Address to which Affidavit Forms should be mailed (This should be your permanent U.S. mailing address.)

Apartment/Unit/Suite Number

* City

* State TX * Zipcode

* Phone (valid phone numbers in these formats are accepted: (234) 567-8989, (234) 567.8989, 2345678989, 234-567-8989, 234.567.8989)

Please type the information below EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on the affidavit.

	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Number of Forms
* 1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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To claim an exclusion for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, the child's parent, legal guardian, or a student 18 years of age or older must present to the school or child-care facility a completed, signed and notarized affidavit on a form provided by the department stating that the child's parent, legal guardian, or the student declines vaccinations for reasons of conscience, including because of the person's religious beliefs.

The form must be submitted to the school or child-care facility within 90 days from the date it is notarized.

The affidavit will be valid for a two-year period from the date of notarization.

A child or student who has not received the required immunizations for reasons of conscience, including religious beliefs, may be excluded from school in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of the department.