

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 Sample

I, _____, as the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of the child
(insert your name)

_____, with date of birth ____/____/____, hereby exempt my child from the following
(insert child's name)

State of Michigan vaccine requirements due to my religious conviction(s) or other objection to immunization:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria | <input type="checkbox"/> Measles | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal Conjugate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus | <input type="checkbox"/> Mumps | <input type="checkbox"/> Meningitis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubella | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polio | <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B | <input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilus influenzae type b | |

Pursuant to the statute MCL 333.9215 (2), I am providing a copy of my statement to the child's school administrator or operator of the group program.

FOR SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING: Pursuant to my rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (**FERPA**) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), I **do NOT give consent** for the school to share, or discuss, my child's school vaccination records or this vaccine exemption statement, which are part of the education record, with the local health department, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, or any other third party.

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Person in loco parentis

Michigan Requirements

Michigan law allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines in daycare and preschool through 12th grade.

In 2015, the health department implemented a policy/rule that parents must have their vaccine waiver obtained and certified at the health department.

To obtain a vaccine waiver for school, call the health department in the county of your school district, and then schedule a vaccine waiver education session.

Please note that only one parent or legal guardian needs to attend and you are not required to bring your child(ren).

As an alternative, some parents have been successful using their own vaccine exemption statement—which was the norm prior to 2015 and the law outlining that process is still in place.