

Religious Belief Exemption – Immunizations

Under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, it is the rights of a parent and/or guardian, to not have their child receive the required immunizations if receiving the immunizations “interferes with the free exercise of the pupil’s religious rights”. N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1 provides an exemption for pupils from mandatory immunization.

In accordance with the aforementioned, I/we \_\_\_\_\_ hereby assert that the immunization of my child \_\_\_\_\_ interferes with the free exercise of his/her religious rights. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ shall be exempt from the required immunizations and be permitted to attend school except in the case of a vaccine preventable disease outbreak as stated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Children with religious exemptions shall be permitted to attend school except in the case of a vaccine preventable disease outbreak in the school. All susceptible students will be excluded from school based on public health officials’ determination that the school is the primary site for disease exposure, transmission and spread into the community. Students excluded from school for this reason will not be able to return to school until (1) the danger of the outbreak has passed as determined by public health officials, (2) the student becomes ill with the disease and completely recovers, or (3) the student is immunized. For example, for measles the complete incubation period is 18 days from the onset of symptoms for the last case in the community. Outbreaks like measles may last for several months.