



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
RELIGIOUS IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION

Required under the Missouri State immunization law (Section 167.181, RSMo) of children attending public, private, and parochial or parish schools.

We strongly encourage you to immunize your child, but ultimately the decision is yours. Please discuss any concerns you have with a trusted healthcare provider or call the immunization coordinator at your local or state health department. Your final decision affects not only the health of your child, but also the rest of your family, the health of your child's friends and their families, classmates, neighbors, and community.

Unimmunized children have a greater risk of contracting and spreading vaccine-preventable diseases to babies who are too young to be fully immunized and those who cannot be immunized due to medical conditions. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease within a particular facility, children who are not fully immunized or do not have documented laboratory evidence of immunity shall not be allowed to attend school or day care until the local health authority declares the designated outbreak or health emergency has ended.

Sample

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT	NAME OF CHILD (PRINT OR TYPE)
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SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING CHECKED IMMUNIZATION(S) BECAUSE IMMUNIZATIONS VIOLATE MY RELIGIOUS BELIEFS:

- DIPHTHERIA
 HEPATITIS B
 MMR
 PERTUSSIS
 POLIO
 TETANUS
 VARICELLA
 OTHER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
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