

Immunization Exemption and Exclusions from School

Medical Exemption

Students who are not immunized may be excluded from school if a case of vaccine-preventable disease occurs in the school and public health officials determine that the school is likely to be a focus for vaccine-preventable disease exposure and spread in 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; (2) the student becomes ill with the disease and completely recovers, or (3) the student is immunized and one complete incubation period has passed. For example, the complete incubation period for measles is 18 days and for rubella is 23 days from the onset of symptoms of the last case in the community. Outbreaks may last for several months.

According to Florida law, no student may be admitted to school without proof of immunization or a statement of exemption. Parents or guardians seeking an exemption on the basis that a given immunization is medically contraindicated should attach to this form a statement from the physician stating that in the physician's opinion, such immunization is medically contraindicated and why it is contraindicated (e.g., hypersensitivity to a vaccine component, demonstrated reaction to vaccine) and return it to the school nurse. The parents or guardians should complete the following statement and return it to the school nurse with the physician's statement.

To Whom It May Concern:

As the parent(s) / guardian(s) of _____
Name of Student

I/we assert that the immunization of this student would be contrary to the religious beliefs of this child. Therefore, this child shall be exempt from the required immunizations under Sections 1003.22, F.S., 402.305, F.S., 402.313, F.S. of the Florida General Statutes and shall be permitted to attend school except in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak in the school.

Date

Signature of Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Signature of Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____