



Personal Beliefs Exemption Form

Kindergarten – 12th Grade Only

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) strongly supports immunization as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing diseases that can cause serious illness and even death. ADHS also respects the rights of parents to decide whether or not to vaccinate their child.

By state law, (A.R.S. §15-873) a child will not be allowed to attend school until either proof of immunization or a completed exemption form is submitted to the school. The information below is provided to ensure that parents are informed about the risks of not vaccinating.

Place an "X" in the box to the left of the disease(s) listed to exempt your child from the vaccine. Initial and date the box on the right.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Diphtheria (DTaP, Tdap, Td): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing diphtheria if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: heart failure, paralysis (can't move parts of the body), breathing problems, coma, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tetanus (DTaP, Tdap, Td): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing tetanus if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: "locking" of the jaw, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, seizures (jerking and staring), painful tightening of muscles in the head and neck, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (DTaP, Tdap): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing pertussis (whooping cough) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Polio (IPV): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: paralysis (can't move parts of the body), meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing measles, mumps, and/or rubella if exposed to these diseases. Serious symptoms and effects of measles include: pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of mumps include: meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, sterility, deafness, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of rubella include: rash, arthritis, and muscle or joint pain. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects such as deafness, heart problems, and brain damage.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis B: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing hepatitis B if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), life-long liver problems, such as scarring and liver cancer, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Varicella (Chickenpox): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing varicella (chickenpox) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meningococcal: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing meningococcal disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: brain damage, sepsis (systemic infection) permanent scarring or loss of limbs, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____

Due to my personal beliefs, I request an exemption for my child from the required vaccine doses selected above. I am aware that if I change my mind in the future, I can rescind this exemption and obtain immunizations for my child.

Initials _____

- I am aware that additional information about vaccine preventable diseases, vaccines and reduced or no cost vaccination services are available from my local county health department and Arizona Department of Health Services (www.azdhs.gov/phs/immunization/).
- I am aware that in the event the state or county health department declares an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease for which I cannot provide proof of immunity for my child, he or she may not be allowed to attend school until the risk period ends, which may be 3 weeks or longer.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date (month/day/year) _____



Religious Beliefs Exemption Form

For Child Care, Preschool and Head Start Programs

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) strongly supports immunization as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing diseases that can cause serious illness and even death. ADHS also respects the rights of parents who are raising their child in a religion whose teachings are in opposition to immunization to make the decision not to vaccinate their child.

Place an "X" in the box to the left of the disease(s) listed to exempt your child from the vaccine. Initial and date the box on the right.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Diphtheria (DTaP, Tdap, Td): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing diphtheria if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: heart failure, paralysis (can't move parts of the body), breathing problems, coma, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tetanus (DTaP, Tdap, Td): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing tetanus if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: "locking" of the jaw, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, seizures (jerking and staring), painful tightening of muscles in the head and neck, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (DTaP, Tdap): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing pertussis (whooping cough) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Polio: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: paralysis (can't move parts of the body), meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing measles, mumps, and/or rubella if exposed to these diseases. Serious symptoms and effects of measles include: pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of mumps include: meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, sterility, deafness, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of rubella include: rash, arthritis, and muscle or joint pain. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects such as deafness, heart problems, and brain damage.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing Hib if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), pneumonia, severe swelling in the throat that makes it hard to breathe, infections of the blood, joints, bones, and covering of the heart, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis B: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing hepatitis B if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), life-long liver problems, such as scarring and liver cancer, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis A: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing hepatitis A if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), "flu-like" illness, hospitalization, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Varicella (Chickenpox): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing varicella (chickenpox) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, and death.	Initials _____ Date _____

Due to my religious beliefs, I request an exemption for my child from the required vaccine doses selected above. I am aware that if I change my mind in the future, I can rescind this exemption and obtain immunizations for my child.

Initials _____

- I am aware that additional information about vaccine preventable diseases, vaccines and reduced or no cost vaccination services is available from my local county health department and Arizona Department of Health Services (www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/).
- I am aware that in the event the state or county health department declares an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease for which I cannot provide proof of immunity for my child, he or she may not be allowed to attend child care until the risk period ends, which may be 3 weeks or longer.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date (month/day/year) _____



Space for provider office stamp (optional)

Medical Exemption Form

Arizona law requires that schools, preschools and child care facilities retain this form in order for a child to be exempted from immunization requirements for medical reasons.

This is the official ADHS-provided format used by licensed physicians and registered nurse practitioners to document that 1) due to the child's health or medical condition, the child may be adversely affected on a temporary or permanent basis by one or more of the required vaccine doses; 2) a child has laboratory evidence of immunity to one or more specific vaccine-preventable diseases and lab results are attached (required for measles, rubella, and varicella); or 3) the child has a documented medical history of disease OR laboratory evidence of immunity for diseases other than measles, rubella, and varicella.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

To be completed by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner to exempt a child from school or child care immunization requirements.

Printed Name of Physician or Nurse _____

Signature of Physician or Nurse _____ Date _____

Please list each vaccine included in the exemption and the reason for the exemption:

Three horizontal lines for listing vaccines and reasons.

Please indicate whether this is a permanent exemption [] or a temporary exemption []

If the exemption is temporary, please list the date the exemption ends _____

Parent/Guardian Section:

- 1. I am aware that in the event the state or county health department declares an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease for which I cannot provide proof of immunity for my child, he or she may not be allowed to attend child care and/or school until the risk period ends, which may be 3 weeks or longer.
2. I am aware that additional information about vaccine preventable diseases, vaccines, and reduced or no cost vaccination services is available from my local county health department and Arizona Department of Health Services. (www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Arizona Revised Statutes 15-873, http://www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp?Title=15, and Arizona Administrative Code, R9-5-305, http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-05.pdf, and R9-6-706, http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-06.pdf describe the requirements for medical exemptions in childcare and school settings.