Immunization

Non-Medical Exemption Form (Religious and Personal Belief)

Vaccines are one of the greatest public health achievements of the past century and save an estimated 3 million children's lives every year. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment strongly supports vaccination as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing diseases that can cause serious illness and even death. For nearly all children, the benefits of preventing disease with a vaccine far outweigh the risks. Declining to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) immunization schedule for number, space and timing of doses, may endanger an unvaccinated child's health and others who come into contact with him/her. Some vaccine-preventable diseases are common in other countries and unvaccinated children could easily get one of these diseases while traveling or from a traveler.

Colorado law C.R.S. § 25-4-902 requires all students attending any school in the state of Colorado to be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases as established by Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2, unless an exemption is filed. This law applies to students attending public, private and parochial kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools through 12th grade, colleges or universities, and child care facilities licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services including child care centers, school-age child care centers, preschools, day camps, resident camps, day treatment centers, family child care homes, foster care homes, and Head Start programs. Prior to kindergarten, a non-medical exemption must be filed each time a student is due for vaccines according to the schedule developed by the ACIP.[1,2] From kindergarten through 12th grade, a non-medical exemption must be filed every year during the student's school enrollment/registration process[1]. Students with a recorded immunization exemption may be kept out of a child care facility or school during a disease outbreak; the length of time will vary depending on the type of the disease and the circumstances of the outbreak.

Please complete all required fields below; incomplete forms will not be accepted. *All fields are required unless noted optional.*

Type of Non-Medical Exemption Claimed: □ Personal Belief □ Religious

Student Information:

Last Name:	First Name:	(optional) Middle Name:
Gender: □ Female □ Male	Date of Birth:	
Street #:	Street Name:	Street Type (e.g. Ave.):
Unit #:	P.O. Box:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email Address:		County:
Phone Number:		□ Home □ Cell

Parent/Guardian Completing This Form: □ Check if an emancipated student or student over 18 years old

Last Name:	First Name:	(optional) Middle Name:
Relationship to student: □ Mother □ Father □ Guardian		
Street #:	Street Name:	Street Type (e.g. Ave.):
Unit #:	P.O. Box:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email Address:		County:
Phone Number:		□ Home □ Cell

School/Licensed Child Care Facility Information:

School Name/Licensed Child Care Facility:		
School District:		□ Check if Not Applicable
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:		Grade of Student:

[1] Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2: http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=7223&fileName=6%20CCR%201009-2.

[2] 2017 Recommended Immunizations from Birth through 6 Years Old: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf. Based on this schedule, a non-medical exemption would be submitted at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months of age.

Vaccine Preventable Disease Information

The information provided below is to ensure parents/guardians/students are informed about the risks of not vaccinating.

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP, Tdap) - Unvaccinated children may be at increased risk of developing diphtheria, tetanus and/or pertussis if exposed to these diseases. Serious symptoms and effects of diphtheria include heart failure, paralysis, breathing problems, coma, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of tetanus include "locking" of the jaw, difficulty swallowing and breathing, seizures, painful tightening of muscles in the head and neck, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of pertussis (whooping cough) include severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/dtap.pdf and http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.pdf
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) – Unvaccinated children may be at increased risk of developing invasive Hib disease if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects include bacterial meningitis, pneumonia, severe swelling in the throat, brain damage, deafness, infections of the blood, joints, bones, and covering of the heart, and death. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/hib.pdf
Hepatitis B - Unvaccinated children may be at increased risk of developing hepatitis B if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects include jaundice, life-long liver problems such as liver damage, scarring, liver cancer, and death. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/hep-b.pdf
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV) – Unvaccinated children may be at increased risk of developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects include paralysis of muscles that control breathing, meningitis, permanent disability, and death. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/ipv.pdf
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) - Unvaccinated children 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, brain damage, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of mumps include meningitis, 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 pregnant woman gets rubella, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects such as deafness, heart problems, and mental retardation. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/mmr.pdf
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13) - Unvaccinated children may be at increased risk of developing pneumococcal disease if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects include pneumonia, lung infections, blood infections, meningitis and death. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/pcv13.pdf.
Varicella (chickenpox) – Unvaccinated children may be at increased risk of developing varicella if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects include severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, and death. For more information: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/varicella.pdf

Required Vaccines for School Entry - Place an "X" next to each vaccine you are declining.

	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP)		Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)
	Tetanus, diptheria, pertussis (Tdap)		Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)		Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)
	Hepatitis B		Varicella (chickenpox)

Statement of Exemption

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student or am the student himself/herself (emancipated or over 18 years of age) and am declining the vaccine(s) indicated above due to a religious or personal belief that is opposed to vaccines. The information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate.

- I may change my mind at any time and accept vaccination(s) for my child/myself in the future.
- I can review evidence-based vaccine information at www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education, or www.ImmunizeforGood.com for additional information on the benefits and risks of vaccines and the diseases they prevent.
- I can contact the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) at www.ColoradoIIS.com or my health care provider to locate my child's/my immunization record.[3]

I acknowledge that I have read this document in its entirety.

Parent/Guardian/Student (emancipated or over 18 yrs old) signature: _____ Date: _____

(Optional) I authorize my/my student's school to share my/my student's immunization records with state/local public health agencies and the Colorado Immunization Information System, the state's secure, confidential immunization registry.

Parent/Guardian/Student (emancipated or over 18 yrs old) signature: _____ Date: _____

[3] Under Colorado law, you have the option to exclude your child's/your information from CIIS at any time. To opt out of CIIS, go to www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures. Please be advised you will be responsible for maintaining your child's/your immunization records to ensure school compliance.