

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 it is 23 days from the onset of symptoms of the last case in the community. Outbreaks may last for several months.

According to Connecticut 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 agree that immunization of this student is medically contraindicated. Therefore, this child is exempt from receiving the required immunization as specified by the physician 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)

Telephone: _____

Address: _____
