

HINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATIONS

According to Massachusetts law (105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L. c. 76, ss. 15, 15C and 15D), there are only two situations, in which children who are not appropriately immunized, may be admitted to school:

1). A medical exemption is allowed if a physician submits documentation attesting that an immunization is medically contraindicated; and

2). A religious exemption is allowed if a parent or guardian submits a written statement that immunizations conflict with their sincere religious beliefs.

The Massachusetts law states that **medical exemptions must be presented at the beginning of each school year**. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) additionally requires **annual renewal of religious exemptions in writing at the start of each school year beginning in 2018-2019**.

Philosophical exemptions are not allowed by law in Massachusetts, even if signed by a physician. Only medical and religious exemptions are acceptable. These exemptions must be placed in the students' school health records at the start of every school year.

Date: _____

School Year: _____

Name of Child (print): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Name of School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

TYPE OF EXEMPTION

MEDICAL EXEMPTION:

I hereby certify that immunization(s) are medically contraindicated for the above named child due to (please explain)

Physician/Health Care Provider (print): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Physician: _____

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION:

I hereby certify that immunizations/vaccines conflict with my sincere religious beliefs.

I understand that in the event of an outbreak at school of the vaccine preventable diseases, my child may be excluded from school per Massachusetts state regulations, until the period of communicability has passed.

Parent/Guardian (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____