



Immunization Non-Medical Exemption Form

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. 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 official exemption form is filed.

This law applies to students attending child care facilities licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services, public, private and parochial kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools through 12th grade, and colleges or universities. Prior to kindergarten, an official non-medical exemption form must be filed each time a student is due for vaccines according to the schedule developed by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.^{1,2} From kindergarten through 12th grade, an official non-medical exemption form must be filed every year during the student's school enrollment/registration process¹. Students with an 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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Religious

Student Information:

Last Name:	First Name:	(optional) Middle Name:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Date of Birth:	
Street #:	Street Name:	Street Type (e.g. Ave.):
Unit #:	P.O. Box:	
City:	State: CO	Zip Code:
Email Address:		County:
Phone Number:		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian		
Street #:	Street Name:	Street Type (e.g. Ave.):
Unit #:	P.O. Box:	
City:	State: CO	Zip Code:
Email Address:		County:
Phone Number:		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell

School/Licensed Child Care Facility Information:

School Name/Licensed Child Care Facility:		
School District:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if Not Applicable	
Address:		
City:	State: CO	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=6437&fileName=6%20CCR%201009-2>.

²2016 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 form would be submitted at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months of age.

Required Vaccines for Entering School The information below is provided to ensure parents/guardians/students are informed about the risks of not vaccinating.	Initial each vaccine declined
Hepatitis B - My child/I 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	
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP, Tdap) - My child/I 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) - My child/I 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, permanent neurologic damage including blindness, deafness, and mental retardation, 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	
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV) - My child/I 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	
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13) or polysaccharide (PPSV23) - My child/I 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 and http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/ppv.pdf	
Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) - My child/I 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	
Varicella (chickenpox) - My child/I 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	

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student or am the student himself/herself (emancipated or over 18 years of age) and have a religious or personal belief that is opposed to vaccines. By signing this form, I am declining the vaccine(s) required for school entry for my child/myself, as initiated above, and understand the following:

- My child/I may not be able to attend child care or school during a disease outbreak.
- Some vaccine-preventable diseases are common in other countries and my child/I could easily get one of these diseases while traveling or from a traveler.
- Failure to follow the advice of a physician, registered nurse, physician's assistant, or public health official who has recommended vaccines may endanger my child's/my health or life and others who come into contact with my child/me.
- 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 to learn about the benefits and risks of vaccines and the diseases they prevent.
- I can contact the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) at www.ColoradOIS.com or my health care provider to locate my child's/my immunization record.³

The information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate. I acknowledge that I have read this document in its entirety and fully understand it.

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. To opt out of CIIS, go to: www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures. Please be advised that you will be responsible for maintaining your child's/your immunization records to ensure school compliance.