



EISD Health Services

Date _____

Dear _____,

Exclusions from immunization requirements set by the Texas Department of State Health Services are allowable on an individual basis for medical contraindications, religious conflicts and reasons of conscience. Children and students in these categories must submit evidence for exclusion from compliance as specified in Texas Education Code, Chapter 38 and the Human Resources Code, Chapter 42.

Medical contraindications. The child or student must present an affidavit or certificate signed by a physician, duly registered to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician's opinion, the immunization required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the applicant or any member of his or her family or household. Unless a lifelong condition is specified the affidavit or certificate is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician and must be renewed every year for the exclusion to remain in effect.

Religious conflicts or Reasons of Conscience. A signed affidavit from the Department of State Health Services must be presented by the child's parent or guardian stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious organization of which the applicant is an adherent or member, or State approved reasons of conscience. These exemptions do not apply in times of emergency or outbreak declared by the commissioner of health or local health authority.

Affidavit must be requested by; mail, hand delivery or commercial carrier to:

DSHS

*Dept. of Immunizations & Pharmacy Support
1100 W. 49th St. Austin, TX 78756*

In the event that you chose to submit an immunization exemption for your child, please sign below and return it and one of the above documents to your school nurse by _____.

Sincerely,

Principal

School Nurse

I have read and understand the limitations of an immunization exemption.

Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian _____