

STOUGHTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Student Immunization/ Vaccine Exemptions

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

The law states that medical exemptions must be presented at the beginning of each school year. Massachusetts Department of Health (MA DPH) additionally requires annual renewal of religious exemptions in writing at the beginning of each school year.

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 kept in the students' files at school (105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L. c.76, ss. 15, 15C and 15D).

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____
with the date of birth _____, request exemption from the following vaccines that are required by the MA DPH for school year _____.

ALL Hepatitis B MMR Varicella DTAP Polio Tdap Influenza

I request that my child be exempt from the above vaccination requirements based on:

Medical Grounds. Please explain: _____

* All medical exemptions must be verified with a letter from a medical provider. It must specify which immunization(s) cannot be given and the condition that prevents the administration of the vaccine.

Religious Grounds. Receipt of vaccination and immunization would conflict with my sincere religious beliefs.

I understand that in the event that one or more cases of a vaccine-preventable or any other communicable disease are present in a school, all susceptibles, including those with a medical or religious exemption, are subject to exclusion as described in the MA DPH Reportable Diseases and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements (105 CMR 300.000).

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Relation to Student: _____



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