

Rockland Public Schools
Religious Immunization Requirement Exemption

To:

As a parent or guardian of _____ a minor enrolled in the Rockland Public Schools, I request that he/she be exempt from the immunization requirement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 76, Section 15, General laws of Massachusetts, because such requirements conflict with our own sincere religious beliefs.

I understand when a case of a vaccine-preventable disease emerges, susceptible individuals (including those with medical or religious exemptions) who are not immunized will need to be excluded for the appropriate time periods as outlined in *Reportable Diseases, Surveillance and Isolation & Quarantine Requirements (105 CMR 300.00)*

I also understand I will be asked annually to submit in writing my child's immunization exemption status. I may also chose to have my child immunized against certain diseases but remain exempt from other according to my religious beliefs.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Part of an act further regulating immunizations of school children:

“In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, no child whose parents or guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his/her sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said physician's certificate in order to be admitted to school”.

Chapter 76, section 15 Massachusetts General Laws