



# Connecticut Department of Public Health Religious Exemption Certification Statement

According to State statutes (Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-7f and 10-204a), no child may be admitted to a licensed child care program or school without proof of immunization or a statement of exemption. To claim a religious exemption on the basis that the immunization would be contrary to religious beliefs of the child, the parents or guardians should complete the following statement and return it to the school or child care facility.

To Whom It May Concern:

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of student)

I/we hereby assert that the immunization of this student would be contrary to the religious beliefs of this child. Therefore, this child shall be exempt from the required immunizations under Section 10-204a of the Connecticut General Statutes and shall be permitted to attend a licensed child care program or school except in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak.

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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)      Date

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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)      Date

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Address

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Telephone #

Children with religious exemptions shall be permitted to attend a licensed child care program or school except in the case of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease. In the event of an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease, all susceptible children will be excluded from child care or school settings based on public health officials' determination that the child care facility or school is a significant site for disease exposure, transmission and spread into the community. Children without proof of immunity, including children with religious and medical exemptions shall be excluded from these settings for this reason and will not be able to return until (1) the danger of the outbreak has passed as determined by public health officials, (2) the child becomes ill with the disease and completely recovers, or (3) the child is immunized.