

# Pennsylvania Code §23.84 Exemption from Immunization

a.) **Medical Exemption.** Children need not be immunized if a physician or the physician's designee provides a written statement that immunization may be detrimental to the health of the child. When the physician determines that immunization is no longer detrimental to the health of the child, the child shall be immunized according to this subchapter.

b.) **Religious Exemption.** Children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of strong moral or ethical conviction similar to religious belief.

## Source

The provisions of §23.84 amended through September 17, 1982, effective August 1, 1983, 12 PA.B. 3288; amended August 22, 1997, effective August 23, 1997, 27 PA.B.4317. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (164332) to (164333) and (129145) .

## Cross References

This section cited in 22 PA Code§ 11.20 (relating to non-immunized children); 22 PA Code§ 51.13 (relating to immunization); 28 PA Code§ 23.85 (relating to responsibilities of schools and school administrators); and 28 PA Code§ 27.77 (relating to immunization requirements for children in child care group settings).

*Chapter 23 School Health, Subchapter C Immunization*

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/028/chapter23/chap23toc.html#23.2>

*For more information on Pennsylvania state laws regarding vaccinations go to*

<http://www.vaclib.org/exempt/pennsylvania.htm>

## Statement of Exemption to Immunization Law Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Parent or guardian of the above name child adheres to a religious belief whose teachers are opposed to such immunization OR holds strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief that is opposed to such immunizations.***

**My child is exempt from the following immunizations:**

**All Students**

- 4 doses of Tetanus and Diphtheria (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 4 dose of polio (last dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 2 dose of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (usually given as MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) or history of disease
- All vaccines listed above

**Students in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1 dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

**Students in 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 2 dose of MCV (1 dose for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose for 12<sup>th</sup> grade entry)