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Personal Beliefs Exemption Form

Kindergarten – 12th Grade Only

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) strongly supports immunization as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing diseases that can cause serious illness and even death. ADHS also respects the rights of parents to decide whether or not to vaccinate their child.

By state law, (A.R.S. §15-873) a child will not be allowed to attend school until either proof of immunization or a completed exemption form is submitted to the school. The information below is provided to ensure that parents are informed about the risks of not vaccinating.

Place	an "X" in the box to the left of the disease(s) listed to exempt your child from the vaccine. Initial and date the box on the	right.			
	Diphtheria (DTaP, Tdap, Td): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at				
	increased risk of developing diphtheria if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: heart failure, paralysis (can't move parts of the body), breathing problems, coma, and death.				
	Tetanus (DTaP, Tdap, Td): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at	Date			
	increased risk of developing tetanus if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include:	Initials			
	"locking" of the jaw, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, seizures (jerking and staring), painful tightening of muscles	Date			
	in the head and neck, and death. Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (DTaP, Tdap): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine,				
	my child may be at increased risk of developing pertussis (whooping cough) if exposed to this disease. Serious	Initials			
	symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion,	Date			
	pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death. Polio (IPV): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of				
	developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: paralysis (can't	Initials			
	move parts of the body), meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability, and death.	Date			
	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may				
	be at increased risk of developing measles, mumps, and/or rubella if exposed to these diseases. Serious symptoms and effects of measles include: pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death. Serious				
	symptoms and effects of mumps include: meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), painful swelling				
	of the testicles or ovaries, sterility, deafness, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of rubella include: rash,	Initials			
	arthritis, and muscle or joint pain. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects such as deafness, heart problems, and brain damage.	Date			
	Hepatitis B: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of				
	developing hepatitis B if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: jaundice	Initials			
	(yellow skin or eyes), life-long liver problems, such as scarring and liver cancer, and death.	Date			
	Varicella (Chickenpox): I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at				
	increased risk of developing varicella (chickenpox) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, and death.				
	Meningococcal: I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of	Date			
	developing meningococcal disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: brain damage, sepsis (systemic infection) permanent scarring or loss of limbs, and death.				
Due to my personal beliefs, I request an exemption for my child from the required vaccine doses selected above. I am aware that if I					
cnange	my mind in the future, I can rescind this exemption and obtain immunizations for my child.				
 I am aware that additional information about vaccine preventable diseases, vaccines and reduced or no cost vaccination services are available from my local county health department and Arizona Department of Health Services (www.azdhs.gov/phs/immunization/). 					
 I am aware that in the event the state or county health department declares an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease for which I cannot provide proof of immunity for my child, he or she may not be allowed to attend school until the risk period ends, which may be 3 weeks or longer. 					
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Parent/Guardian Signature Date (month/day/year)					