

# LEGAL EXEMPTIONS TO MINNESOTA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW

- Students 7 years of age or older do not need pertussis vaccine.
- Students 18 years of age or older do not need polio vaccine.
- **Medical Exemption:** No student is required to receive an immunization if they have a medical contraindication or laboratory evidence of immunity. To receive a medical exemption, a physician must sign the following statement.

*I hereby certify that immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons or that laboratory confirmation of adequate immunity exists for the following immunizations:*

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*Signature of parent or legal guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

- **Conscientious Exemption:** No student is required to have an immunization that is contrary to the conscientiously held beliefs of his/her parent or guardian. To receive this exemption, a parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the following statement and have it notarized.

*I hereby certify by notarization that immunization for my child is contrary to my conscientiously held beliefs. Indicate vaccine(s):*

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*Signature of parent or legal guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day

of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Signature of Notary*

## Special Exceptions for DTP, Td and Polio

**Children less than 7 years of age:** The 5th dose of DtaP/DTP/DT (similarly, the 4th dose of polio vaccine) is not necessary if the 4th DtaP/DTP/DT (3rd dose of polio vaccine) was administered after the 4th birthday.

**Children 7 years of age and older:** A history of 3 doses of DtaP/DTP/DT/Td and 3 doses of polio vaccine meets the minimum requirements of the law.

**Students in grades 7-12:** A Td booster given at age 11 years or later is not required for students in grades 7-12 whose most recent Td was given after their 7th birthday but before their 11th birthday. Instead, it will be required 10 years after the date of the most recent dose.