

Objections to Exams and Immunizations

A. Objection of Parent or Guardian

Section 665.510 - Objection of Parent of Legal Guardian
Illinois Certificate of Religious Objection
ILGA - Compiled Statutes 27-8.1 (8)

Public Act 099-0249 enacted August 3, 2015 amends the School Code for Religious Objections: Exemption Certificate requires health care provider signature. Here is a description of the new requirements for religious objection to vaccines, as well as the new required form: [view](#)

B. Medical Exemptions

There are two avenues by which a physician may exempt a child from a required immunization: a physician statement of immunity and a medical objection.

1. Physician statement of Immunity

Section 665.280 - Physician Statement of Immunity
ILGA - Compiled Statutes 27-8.1 (8)

- a. If a physician believes a child to be protected from a disease (e.g. the immunizations were not administered according to the approved schedule), the physician can write a note indicating that they feel that the child is adequately immunized and submit it for review.
- b. A copy of all physicians' statements of immunity should be forwarded to the appropriate regional IDPH Immunization Program Representative, except when a previous statement addressing the same issue has been reviewed by IDPH and deemed acceptable. A signed release of information from the parent/guardian must accompany the request for review by IDPH.
- c. The child is considered to be unprotected but in compliance until the school receives a letter from IDPH stating that the exemption is accepted.
- d. If the statement is not approved, the school should forward a copy of the statement to the student's parents informing them that the immunization must be given and that the student is considered unprotected and in noncompliance. The student is then subject to the exclusion provision of the law.

2. Medical Objection

Section 665.520 Medical Objection
ILGA - Compiled Statutes 27-8.1 (8)

- a. Statements from physicians, advanced practice nurses, or physician assistants indicating that an immunization is medically contraindicated are acceptable and should be attached to the physical form.
- b. A copy of any medical objection statement that does not specifically state that an immunization is medically contraindicated should be forwarded to the IDPH Immunization Program representative for review.
- c. Statements from physicians indicating a specific medical condition that predisposes a student to a potential health risk if vaccinated should be forwarded to the IDPH Immunization Program representative for review. A signed release of information from the parent/guardian must accompany the request for review by IDPH.
- d. If approved, the school should attach the letter of approval from IDPH to the student's physical form.
- e. If not approved, a copy of the IDPH letter should be forwarded to the student's parent, informing them that the immunization must be given.