

MMR IMMUNIZATION RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FORM

Student _____ EMPLID _____

Signature _____ DATE _____

This form is for your use in applying for a religious exemption to Public Health Law relating to measles, mumps and rubella immunization requirements. Its purpose is to establish the religious basis for your request since the State permits exemption on the basis of a sincere religious belief. Philosophical, political, scientific or sociological objections to immunization do not justify an exemption under Department of Health regulation 10 NYCRR, Section 66-1.3 (d), which requires the submission of:

A written and signed statement from the student (or parent, or guardian if the student is under 18), stating the student's objection to immunization due to sincere and genuine religious beliefs which prohibits the immunization of their child in which case the principal or person in charge may require supporting documents.

Please attach to this form your statement. The statement **must** address **all** of the following elements:

- Explain in your own words why you are requesting this religious exemption
- Describe the religious principles that guide your objections to immunization
- Indicates whether you are opposed to all immunization, and if not the religious basis that prohibits particular immunizations.

Please be advised of the following:

In accordance to NYS Title 10, Section 66, 2.6 - Exclusion of susceptibles in the event of a disease outbreak

(a) In the event of an outbreak of measles, mumps or rubella in an institution, the commissioner may order the appropriate officials of the institution to exclude from attendance all students without documentation of immunity as specified in section 66-2.2 (b) or (c) and those who have been excused from immunization under section 66-2.2 (d) or (e).

(b) The exclusion shall continue until the commissioner determines that the danger of transmission has passed or until the documentation specified in section 66-2.2 (b) or (c) has been submitted.

You will be notified in writing of the outcome of this request. Please note that all decisions are final and there is no appeal.