



STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATION

In pursuant with the rules set forth by Louisiana law (Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:170 Sec E) to the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana 4-H Youth Development Program will use LDE's exemption process (with modifications) from immunizations for all 4-H members/volunteers attending 4-H functions where immunization records are required.

Although Louisiana has vaccination requirements for children entering daycare or school, these requirements can be waived. The child's parent or guardian may request an exemption in writing for medical or religious/philosophical reasons. The parent or guardian simply provides their child's name, date of birth and states their decision to exempt their child from the school vaccination requirements, and files this with the 4-H Agent, Camp Director, or 4-H Event Manager. **Medical exemptions are completed by the child's healthcare provider.** There is no requirement for the document to be notarized, and all requests are granted.

The specific legislation requiring immunization for entering daycare centers or schools is found in Louisiana Revised Statue 17:170 available at [here](#).

Although enforcement of vaccine requirements happens within the school system, vaccine recommendations apply to all children, including home study students, for protection in all social environments.

The Louisiana Office of Public Health strongly encourages age-appropriate vaccinations for children. Immunizations reduce preventable death and disability for an individual child, interrupt disease transmission in communities and decreases the number of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks in Louisiana.

DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATIONS

Under the Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:170 Sec E, I _____, parent/guardian of _____, hereby claim exemption from the immunization requirements for my child due to medical, religious, or philosophical reasons.

I understand that in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the location of the educational institution, facility, and/or event the student/member attends, the administrators of the educational institution, facility, and/or event upon the recommendation of the office of public health, may exclude the student from attendance until the incubation period has expired or I present evidence of immunization.

NAME OF 4-H CLUB AND PARISH: _____

REASON(S) FOR EXEMPTION: MEDICAL (ATTACH NOTE FROM HEALTHCARE PROVIDER STATING SITUATION)
 RELIGIOUS OR PHILOSOPHICAL REASONS

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____