

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

IMMUNIZATIONS - REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

You have requested that your child, _____, be exempted from the mandatory immunizations due to religious beliefs or practices. As of September 1, 1991, the New Jersey State Department of Health has amended the requirements regarding Religious Exemption. Pupils enrolled in New Jersey pre-schools or schools facilities are required to have a signed written statement from the parent or legal guardian requesting an exemption. **This statement must thoroughly explain how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices.** No longer is a blanket statement accepted as in the past. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

Please submit your statement to the school nurse as soon as possible to avoid any delays. This statement will be kept by the school as part of the pupil's immunization record.

Thank you,

The Nursing Department
Hasbrouck Heights Public Schools

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