

# Northern Wells Community Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In order for a child to be exempt from complying with minimum immunization requirements for medical or religious reasons, the parent or guardian is required to submit a written request for exemption and the request must be verified annually with the school corporation. In the case of medical exemption, the signature of a physician is required. For religious exemptions, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is sufficient.

The report on Immunization Status must include students with exemptions. Religious or medical exemptions do not relieve parents from the responsibility of maintaining an immunization record for exempt students. In the event of an outbreak, each student's status must be immediately available. For their own protection, exempted students may be excluded from school for the duration of the outbreak.

This is found in Indiana State Law IC 20-8.1-7-2 as amended by the 1993 Indiana General Assembly. "Except as otherwise provided, a school child may not be required to undergo any testing, examination, immunization, or treatment required under this chapter when the child's parent objects on religious grounds. A religious exemption does not exempt a child from any testing, examination, immunization or treatment required under this chapter unless the objection is:

- (1) made in writing;
- (2) signed by the parent;
- (3) delivered to the child's teacher or to the individual who might order a test, an exam, an immunization, or treatment absent the objection.

Please check appropriate exemption:

Religious exemption                       Medical exemption

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are filing a medical exemption for your child, please have your physician sign below (along with your signature above).

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This must be returned to the school by: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,



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