



# IDAHO CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION

## School Immunization Requirement

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare strongly supports immunization as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing serious infectious diseases. These vaccine-preventable diseases can cause serious illness and even death. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare also recognizes that individuals have the right to make the decision whether or not to vaccinate their children. If you have any questions about the benefits and risks of immunization, please contact your healthcare provider or local health department.

**SECTION 1: Please read the following statements, check the box(es), and date each statement regarding vaccine-preventable diseases for which an exemption is claimed. Sections 1 and 2 must be completed for this exemption to be valid.**

**Diphtheria (DTaP, DT, Tdap, Td):** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing diphtheria if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: heart failure, paralysis (can't move parts of the body), breathing problems, coma, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Tetanus (DTaP, DT, Tdap, Td):** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing tetanus if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: "locking" of the jaw, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, seizures (jerking and staring), painful tightening of muscles in the head and neck, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (DTaP, Tdap):** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing pertussis (whooping cough) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Polio:** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: paralysis (can't move parts of the body), meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing measles, mumps, and/or rubella if exposed to these diseases. Serious symptoms and effects of measles include: pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of mumps include: meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, sterility, deafness, and death. Serious symptoms and effects of rubella include: rash, arthritis, and muscle or joint pain. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could have a miscarriage or her baby could be born with serious birth defects such as deafness, heart problems, and mental retardation. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Hepatitis B:** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing hepatitis B if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), life-long liver problems, such as scarring and liver cancer, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing varicella (chickenpox) if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, and death. A person who has had chickenpox can get a painful rash called shingles years later. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Varicella Disease History:** I believe that my child has had chickenpox, but was not diagnosed by a licensed health care professional. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Hepatitis A:** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing hepatitis A if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), "flu-like" illness, hospitalization, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Meningococcal:** I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing meningococcal disease if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: meningitis (infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord), blood infections, loss of arms or legs, problems with nervous system, deafness, mental retardation, seizures (jerking and staring), strokes, and death. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please continue to complete Section 2**

