

Exemptions

- **Religious Exemptions**

- A written religious exemption may be filed by a parent or guardian of a minor.
- **All religious exemptions must identify the exempted child, be dated, and signed by the student's parent/guardian.**
- **Individual notes must be written for each member of a family, you cannot group together several children in one note.**
- Religious exemptions **must** be renewed every academic year.

- **Medical Exemptions**

- **Only a physician licensed to practice medicine/osteopathic medicine or a nurse practitioner can write a medical exemption.** A medical exemption must indicate a specific period of time in which the child cannot receive specific vaccinations. Reason(s) for the medical contraindication must be enumerated by the ACIP and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

- **30-Day Grace Period**

- Students entering a NJ school from out of state or out of country are allowed up to 30 days to provide proof of immunization history before their provisional status begins.
- If after the 30 days have elapsed and no documentation of previous vaccination is provided; the child may not attend school until one dose of all age-appropriate required vaccines are received before being provisionally admitted.

- **Unvaccinated or Incompletely Vaccinated Children**

- Those children with religious exemptions, medical exemption, and/or in provisional status may be excluded from school the school facility during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak determined by the Commissioner, Department of Health or his or her designee. The Department of Health shall provide guidance to the school of the appropriateness of any such prohibition.

Please be advised that students who are not in compliance with the Immunization Requirements for their appropriate grade level will not be allowed to enter school until they are compliant.