

Worcester State University

Student Health Services

MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS VACCINE EXEMPTION

In accordance with the Massachusetts College Immunization Law (Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 105 CMR 220) and University policy, students are required to provide verification of immunity against certain illness.

I, _____ am requesting exemption from the following vaccinations:

All

Required for all full-time students, part-time students in health science program who may be in contact with patients, and full- or part-time students on a student or other visa:

Hepatitis B

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Varicella

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)

Meningitis

I request exemption from the above vaccinations based on:

- Medical grounds. Please note that Health Services requires verification by a licensed health care provider that specifically addresses the immunization(s) you cannot receive and certifies that the licensed health care provider has personally examined you and is of the opinion that your health would be endangered by the immunization.
- Religious grounds. By selecting this reason, you are certifying that the above vaccinations would conflict with or violate your sincere religious beliefs.

Initials

_____ I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am free from any communicable or contagious diseases that may affect the welfare of the college community. I understand that, in the event of an outbreak on campus of any of the vaccine-preventable diseases listed above, I may be excluded from campus and classes until the period of communicability is passed. I further understand that Worcester State University will not be responsible for any costs associated with missed classes, or exclusion from housing during the period of communicability, and that a refund may not be made.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

required for students under the age of 18 years of age.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Student ID _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please return signed form and documentation to:

**Worcester State University
Student Health Services 486
Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
Email: health_services@worchester.edu
Fax: (508) 929-8075
Phone: (508) 929-8875**

Immunization Exemption Request and Waiver of Responsibility

School immunization requirements exist to protect students and members of their community from serious vaccine preventable diseases by ensuring high vaccination rates.

Massachusetts students must provide documentation of immunizations according to school requirements.

Medical exemptions must come from the student's doctor and document a contraindication, which is the reason why an individual cannot medically receive the vaccine.

Religious exemptions come from the student, or if the student is under 18 years of age, from the parent/guardian; and must state in writing that a vaccine conflicts with his/her sincerely held religious belief.

In the event of an identified public health risk, emergency, outbreak, or epidemic; exempt individuals may be isolated and/or excluded from campus, including but not limited to all classes, activities, travel and on-campus housing.

*****Any student seeking religious exemption/medical exemption from required vaccines must submit a written statement requesting exemption and sign the waiver form for Worcester State University, Student Health Services at the start of each Academic Year.**