

## **Regulation Code: 4110-R Procedures for Religious Immunizations**

The following procedures will be observed when a parent or guardian presents a request for religious exemption to the school:

1. The parent/guardian must provide a statement in writing that the religious exemption is based on bona fide religious beliefs, and may not be vaccine-specific for any vaccine other than Hepatitis B.
2. The parent/guardian will be provided a copy of these regulations.
3. The parent/guardian will be asked to:
  - a. provide documentation of the specific religious belief or doctrine, including textual provisions, that support the religious objection to the immunization
  - b. provide any records of past immunizations that may have occurred prior to establishment of the religious belief in order to have record of immunity
  - c. have the written statement notarized
4. Upon receipt of the written statement, the parent will be notified in writing of the consequences that will be imposed upon the child should there be an outbreak of any vaccine-preventable disease among a close school contact, including exclusion from school for up to twenty-one days after the last known exposure.
5. Should the parent opt to have the student participate in any future school-based vaccination programs, the child will then be required to complete the entire missed vaccine series.
6. The names of all students who have religious exemptions at a given school will be provided to the Orange County Health Department in the event of any reports of vaccine-preventable illness at that school.

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