

EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATIONS

The Indiana State Department of Health will allow objections to immunizations for the following reasons:

Medical - A physician's certification that a particular immunization is or may be detrimental to the child's health. This must be in writing from the physician and renewed on a yearly basis.

Religious - A written statement that the objection to immunizations is based on religious grounds. This must be signed by the parents and renewed on a yearly basis.

These are the only two exemptions for incomplete immunizations.

In the state of Indiana there is no exemption allowed for philosophical objections.

OBJECTION TO IMMUNIZATION

I object to my child, _____, being immunized or tested against the following diseases:

_____ DTP/DTaP/Tdap (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)

_____ Polio

_____ Measles (Rubeola)

_____ Mumps

_____ Rubella (German measles)

_____ Hepatitis B

_____ Varicella (chicken pox)

_____ Meningitis

_____ Hepatitis A

My objection is based on the following reason:

Medical _____ (written statement from physician must be attached)

Religious _____

Signature _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian

Crown Point Community School Corporation

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's immunization record is incomplete. The state of Indiana allows **only two exemptions** for incomplete immunizations:

1. **A physician's certification that a particular immunization is detrimental to the child's health. It must be in writing and signed by the physician each year.**
2. **A religious objection must be in writing and state that the objection to immunization is based on religious grounds: signed by the child's parent and delivered to the school. There is no requirement of proof. The school must verify the objection each year.**

Please return the correct, exemption form/s to the school or the student can be excluded from school. Remember that a doctor must sign for a medical exemption and give the reason why the immunization will be detrimental to your child's health.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

YOUR CHILD IS NOT FULLY IMMUNIZED. Although your child remains at risk for getting a vaccine preventable disease, IC20-34-4 permits your child to attend school. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease for which your child is not fully vaccinated, your child may be excluded from school to protect his/her health and the health of all our students and staff. It is important to understand that with some diseases such as measles, one infected child is an outbreak. The length of time your child will be kept out of school depends on the disease. Your child's exclusion may be as long as several weeks. If your child is excluded from school, your child will also be excluded from school sponsored activities, such as sporting events, dances and graduation that occur within the exclusion period. The school will notify you when your child can return to school. Incompletely vaccinated children can be excluded from school due to cases of measles, chickenpox, pertussis, mumps or any other vaccine preventable disease (at the discretion of the local health officer).

Please contact the school nurse with any questions.

Thank you,

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