



COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for K–12 Medical Exception Requests

Background

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has developed a [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQ) about the Oregon Administrative Rule ([OAR](#)) [333-019-1030](#), COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Teachers and School Staff. Please note the listed categories in the FAQ are: Schools and school-based programs vaccine requirement, other agencies, vaccine rule enforcement, vaccine rule exemptions, Early Learning Division (ELD) staff, students, coaches, parents, substitute teachers, School Board members, district staff, school nurses, private schools, School psychologists, pathologists, counselors, and support staff, and temporary staff.

Defining Medical and Assessing a Request for Exception

Medical Exception means that an individual has a physical or mental impairment that prevents the individual from receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. A medical exception must be corroborated by a document signed by a medical provider, who is not the individual seeking the exception, certifying that the individual has a physical or mental impairment that limits the individual's ability to receive a COVID-19 vaccination based on a specified medical diagnosis. A medical exception must be, on an Oregon Health Authority (OHA) [form](#). It needs to be filled out and signed by a medical health provider.

Questions about an Employee's Request for Medical Exception

Individuals have an obligation to actively participate in the exception process and must co-operate with a PHSD's attempt to accommodate their needs. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) template for medical exception request form asks if the medical condition is temporary or permanent. How the medical condition affects the individual's ability to receive the vaccine. If the individual may need to receive a certain type of Covid–19 vaccination or if the individual may receive a vaccination by a certain manufacturer.

Submission

An individual who has filled out a completed medical exception form from OHA needs to submit a copy to Courtney Wilson, the assistant to the superintendent, at cwilson@pleasanthill.k12.or.us, or in person at the district office. This information will be kept in a confidential health file here at the district office.

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Deadline

After October 18, 2021, teachers, school staff, and volunteers may not teach, work, learn, study, assist, observe, or volunteer at a school unless they are fully vaccinated or have provided documentation of a medical or religious exception. A school may not employ, contract with, or accept the volunteer services of teachers, school staff or volunteers who are teaching, working, learning, studying, assisting, observing, or volunteering at a school unless the teachers or school staff are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have a documented medical or religious exception.

Respectfully:

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