Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau • Immunization Program

### Medical Exemption Statement

**Physician:** Please mark the contraindications/precautions that apply to this patient, then sign and date the back of the form. The signed Medical Exemption Statement verifying true contraindications/precautions is submitted to and accepted by schools, childcare facilities, and other agencies that require proof of immunization. For medical exemptions for conditions not listed below, please note the vaccine(s) that is contraindicated and a description of the medical condition in the space provided at the end of the form. The State Medical Officer may request to review medical exemptions.

### Attach a copy of the most current immunization record

Name of patient DOB Name of parent/guardian Address (patient/parent) School/child care facility

**For official use only:**

***Check if reviewed by public health Name/credentials of reviewer***:\_ ***Date of review***:\_

Medical contraindications for immunizations are determined by the most recent General Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s publication, the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

A **contraindication** is a condition in a recipient that increases the risk for a serious adverse reaction. A vaccine will not be administered when a contraindication exists.

A **precaution** is a condition in a recipient that might increase the risk for a serious adverse reaction or that might compromise the ability of the vaccine to produce immunity. Under normal conditions, vaccinations should be deferred when a precaution is present.

### Contraindications and Precautions

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| **Vaccine** | **X** |  |
| **Hepatitis B** (not currently required by Administrative  Rule of Montana [ARM]) | □  □ | **Contraindications**   * Serious allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous vaccine dose or vaccine component   **Precautions**   * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |
| **DTaP**  **DT, Td**  **Tdap** | □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □ | **Contraindications**   * Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component * Encephalopathy within 7 days after receiving previous dose of DTP or DTaP   **Precautions**   * Progressive neurologic disorder, including infantile spasms, uncontrolled epilepsy, progressive encephalopathy; defer DTaP until neurological status has clarified and stabilized * Fever ≥40.5°C (105°F) within 48 hours after vaccination with previous dose of DTP or DTaP * Guillain-Barre′ syndrome ≤6 weeks after a previous dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine * Seizure ≤3 days after vaccination with previous dose of DTP or DTaP * Persistent, inconsolable crying lasting ≥3 hours within 48 hours after vaccination with previous dose of DTP/ DTaP * History of arthus-type hypersensitivity reactions after a previous dose of tetanus toxoid- containing vaccine * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |
| **IPV** |  | **Contraindications** |
| **□** | * Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component |
|  | **Precautions** |
| **□** | * Pregnancy |
| **□** | * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |

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| **Vaccine** | **X** |  |
| **PCV**  (not currently required by ARM) | **□**  **□** | **Contraindications**   * Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose (of PCV7, PCV13, or any diphtheria toxoid--contain vaccine) or to a component of a vaccine (PCV7, PCV13, or any diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine)   **Precautions**   * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |
| **Hib** |  | **Contraindications** |
| **□** | * Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component |
| **□** | * Age <6 weeks |
|  | **Precautions** |
| **□** | * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |
| **MMR** | **□**  **□**  **□**  **□**  **□**  **□**  **□** | **Contraindications**   * Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component * Known severe immunodeficiency (e.g., hematologic and solid tumors, chemotherapy, congenital immunodeficiency, long-term immunosuppressive therapy, or patients with HIV infection who are severely immunocompromised ) * Pregnancy   **Precautions**   * Recent (<11 months) receipt of antibody-containing blood product (specific interval depends on the product) * History of thrombocytopenia or thrombocytopenic purpura * Need for tuberculin skin testing * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |
| **Varicella** | **□**  **□**  **□**  **□**  **□** | **Contraindications**   * Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component * Known severe immunodeficiency (e.g., hematologic and solid tumors, chemotherapy, congenital immunodeficiency, long-term immunosuppressive therapy, or patients with HIV infection who are severely immunocompromised ) * Pregnancy   **Precautions**   * Recent (<11 months) receipt of antibody-containing blood products (interval depends on product) * Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever |
| **For medical conditions not listed, please note the vaccine(s) that is contraindicated and a description of the condition** | | |

**Instructions**

Name of Student Date Exemption Ends

Completing physician’s name (please print)

Address Phone

Completing physician’s signature (only licensed physicians may sign)

**Purpose:** To provide Montana physicians with a mechanism to document true medical exemptions to vaccinations

**Preparation:** 1. Complete patient information (name, DOB, address, and school/childcare facility)

* 1. Check applicable vaccine(s) and exemption(s)
  2. Complete date exemption ends and physician information
  3. Attach a copy of the most current immunization record
  4. Retain a copy for file
  5. **Return original to person requesting form**

**Reorder:** Immunization Program

1400 Broadway, Room C-211 Helena, MT 59620

(406) 444-5580

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/immunization/>

**Questions?** Call (406) 444-5580

**Montana Code Annotated**

20-5-101-410: Montana Immunization Law 52-2-735: Daycare certification

**Administrative Rules of Montana**

37.114.701-721: Immunization of K-12, Preschool, and Post-secondary schools 37.95.140: Daycare Center Immunizations, Group Daycare Homes, Family Day

Care Homes



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