



Diocese of St. Petersburg Office of Catholic Schools and Centers

School Immunization Policy

Catholic Schools within the Diocese of St. Petersburg require all students to submit a valid Florida Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Form DH 680 through their physician as provided for in Florida Statute 1003.22. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of St. Petersburg do not recognize religious or conscience objections to this immunization requirement. However, properly documented medical exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Medical Exemptions

All medical exemption forms, whether for a temporary or permanent exemption, must be sent to the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for approval prior to the student's acceptance into the Catholic school. For each vaccination that the student is seeking an exemption, a licensed physician must list a contraindication and the physician's specific valid clinical reason for the contraindication. The school will not accept contraindications not currently included as a contraindication by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). The school will not accept Form DH 680 without a written signature from a physician currently licensed by the State of Florida. If the exemption Form DH 680 is not visible on the Florida Shots website (www.flshots.com) and is not the same as the form sent to the Superintendent to approve, the student will not be able to enroll in the school. The Superintendent must be able to see the DH680 form certified and registered by the physician on the Florida Shots website before approval is granted for the student to enroll and attend school.

For More Information

More information about required school immunizations is available at the floridahealth.gov website.