

Exemptions Permitted for State Childcare and School (K–12) Immunization Requirements as of May 2026

<https://www.immunize.org/official-guidance/state-policies/vaccine-requirements/exemptions-child-school-2026>

An empty box in this table indicates a “NO” answer

Jurisdiction	TYPE OF EXEMPTION PERMITTED			Comment
	Medical	Religious	Personal Belief	
Alabama	yes	yes		
Alaska	yes	yes		
Arizona	yes	yes	yes	religious: childcare only personal belief: K–12 only
Arkansas	yes	yes	yes	
California	yes			
Colorado	yes	yes	yes	religious and personal belief combined under category of "nonmedical exemption"
Connecticut	yes			religious exemption repealed in 2021, but students enrolled in K–12 with valid exemption on file when law passed (April 28, 2020) allowed to maintain exemption through Gr 12
Delaware	yes	yes		
District of Columbia	yes	yes	yes	personal belief: allowed for HPV only
Florida	yes	yes		
Georgia	yes	yes		
Hawaii	yes	yes		
Idaho	yes	yes	yes	
Illinois	yes	yes		
Indiana	yes	yes		
Iowa	yes	yes		requirement for notary signature for religious exemption removed July 1, 2024
Kansas	yes	yes		
Kentucky	yes	yes		
Louisiana	yes	yes	yes	
Maine	yes			
Maryland	yes	yes		

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Massachusetts	yes	yes		
Michigan	yes	yes	yes	
Minnesota	yes		yes	childcare only: centers have option not to enroll child with non-medical exemption
Mississippi	yes	yes		
Missouri	yes	yes	yes	personal belief: childcare only
Montana	yes	yes		
Nebraska	yes	yes	yes	personal belief: childcare only
Nevada	yes	yes		
New Hampshire	yes	yes		
New Jersey	yes	yes		
New Mexico	yes	yes		
New York	yes			
North Carolina	yes	yes		
North Dakota	yes	yes	yes	
Ohio	yes	yes	yes	
Oklahoma	yes	yes	yes	
Oregon	yes	yes	yes	
Pennsylvania	yes	yes	yes	
Rhode Island	yes	yes		
South Carolina	yes	yes		
South Dakota	yes	yes		
Tennessee	yes	yes		
Texas	yes	yes	yes	2026: House Bill (H.B.) 1586, 89th Legislature, Regular Session passed and amended Texas Health and Safety Code §161.0041. DSHS revised the Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 97, §97.62 Exclusions from Compliance and §97.64 Required Vaccinations and Exclusions for Students Enrolled in Health-related and Veterinary Courses in Institutions of Higher Education. DSHS now posts a blank immunization exemption affidavit form, stock F11-11755 (PDF) for a person to download, complete, notarize, and submit to their child-care facility,

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				school, or institution of higher education, including students enrolled in health-related or veterinary courses. A person may request DSHS print and mail the form via the United States Postal Service to the requested address.
Utah	yes	yes	yes	
Vermont	yes	yes		
Virginia	yes	yes	yes	personal belief: allowed for HPV only
Washington	yes	yes	yes	personal belief: not allowed for MMR
West Virginia	yes	yes	yes	2026: While the West Virginia Department of Health continues to process religious exemption requests, "The West Virginia Board of Education is reinstating its directive to county boards of education not to accept religious exemptions to compulsory vaccination laws. This directive will be in effect until the Supreme Court issues further guidance. Our priority is to ensure compliance with W. Va. Code §16-3-4 ", click here for source .
Wisconsin	yes	yes	yes	
Wyoming	yes	yes		

These tables were compiled by Immunize.org using information provided by state health departments. If you have updated information concerning these tables, please call (651) 647-9009 or email admin@immunize.org.