

## SECTION 3 EXEMPTION POLICY



### CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION

A parent may claim an exemption to an immunization for medical, religious, or personal reasons, as allowed by Section 53A-11-302 of the Utah Statutory Code. Each exemption claimed must be accompanied by the appropriate Utah Department of Health Exemption Form. Exemption forms can only be used for enrollment in early childhood programs and public, private, charter, and parochial schools for kindergarten through twelfth grade. Exemptions and exemption forms do not apply to college/university attendance. See sample exemption forms in Appendix E starting on page 38.

**MEDICAL EXEMPTION:** If a parent/guardian claims a medical exemption for a student, a Medical Exemption Form must be completed and signed by the student's licensed physician (Utah Statutory Code – Section 53A-11-302). The Medical Exemption Form may be obtained from the student's physician. It must indicate whether the exemption is for one or for all immunizations. The WHITE and YELLOW copies will be given to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will present the WHITE copy to the school or early childhood program official. The WHITE copy must be attached to the student's Utah School Immunization Record as part of the student's permanent school record (cumulative folder) as defined in Section 53A-11-304 of the Utah Statutory Code and shall transfer with the student's school record to any new school.

**Health care providers may obtain the Medical Exemption Form by contacting the Utah Immunization Program at (801) 538-9450.**

**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION:** If a parent/guardian claims a religious exemption for a student, a Religious Exemption Form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. The Religious Exemption Form may be obtained from a local health department. A local health department representative must witness and sign the Religious Exemption Form giving the WHITE and YELLOW copies to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will present the WHITE copy to the school or early childhood program official. The WHITE copy must be attached to the student's Utah School Immunization Record as part of the student's permanent school record (cumulative folder) as defined in Section 53A-11-304 of the Utah Statutory Code and shall transfer with the student's school record to any new school.

**PERSONAL EXEMPTION:** If a parent/guardian claims a personal exemption for a student, a Personal Exemption Form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. The Personal Exemption Form may be obtained from a local health department. A local health department representative must witness and sign the Personal Exemption Form giving the WHITE and YELLOW copies to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will present the WHITE copy to the school or early childhood program official. The WHITE copy must be attached to the student's Utah School Immunization Record as part of the student's permanent school record (cumulative folder) as defined in Section 53A-11-304 of the Utah Statutory Code and shall transfer with the student's school record to any new school.

**Local Health Departments may obtain both the Personal and Religious Exemption Forms by contacting the Utah Immunization Program at (801) 538-9450.**