

## Immunization Exemption Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

We are the parents of (Mary Jane Doe). Presently, we object to the immunization of our child under the Exemption from Immunization Law §23.84.

Childhood vaccines, with the exception of [the polio vaccine], have not yet been administered to our child on the grounds of our strong moral, ethical and religious convictions.

It is our legal right in the State of Pennsylvania under the Exemption from Immunization Law §23.84 not to immunize our child at the present time.

The law states:

(a) Medical exemption. Children need not be immunized if a physician or the physician's designee provides a written statement that immunization may be

detrimental to the health of the child. When the physician determines that immunization is no longer detrimental to the health of the child, the child shall be

immunized according to this subchapter.

(b) Religious exemption/(c) Ethical Exemption. Children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the

immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.

Source:

The provisions of this §23.84 amended through September 17, 1982, effective August 1, 1983, 12 Pa.B. 3288; amended August 22, 1997, effective August 23,

1997, 27 Pa.B. 4317. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (164332) to (164333) and (129145).

## Cross References

This section cited in 22 Pa. Code §11.20 (relating to nonimmunized children); 22 Pa. Code §51.13 (relating to immunization); 22 Pa. Code §405.49 (relating to immunizations); 28 Pa. Code §23.85 (relating to responsibilities of schools and school administrators); and 28 Pa. Code § 27.77 (relating to immunization requirements for children in child care group settings).

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe

Respectfully,

(Wet Ink Signature)