

Conscientious Objection in Texas 78th Legislature HB2292

Effective 9-1-03 exemptions from immunization requirements may be granted by school officials if the guardian submits an official TDH affidavit to the school.

Guidelines for Requesting an Exemption for Reasons of Conscience:

- Only official forms developed and issued by the TDH, Immunization Division, will be accepted by the school. **No other forms or reproductions will be allowed.**
- Written requests must be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service, commercial carrier, or by hand-delivery to: TDH Bureau of Immunization and Pharmacy Support, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756. Hand-delivered requests may be submitted to the TDH, Bureau of Immunization and Pharmacy Support, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. ALL affidavit forms will be mailed to you via U.S. Postal Service. No requests will be filled at the time of hand-delivery.
- Affidavit form requests will be processed and mailed within one week from the receipt of the request. If additional information is needed in order to process the affidavit, you will be notified;
- The letter must include the following information:
 - Full name of each child (first, middle, and last);
 - Date of birth of each child for whom a form is requested;
 - Parent or legal guardian's complete return mailing address, including zip code; and
 - Number of forms needed for each child (not to exceed five forms per child)
 - Email, telephone, or facsimile requests cannot be processed.
- The official Texas Department of Health affidavit form must be notarized and submitted to school officials. The form is only valid for 90 days after it is notarized.

Forms will be available no later than September 1, 2003.

Texas Department of Health, Immunization Division

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/immunize/default.htm>

