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**SIA HEALTH SERVICES**

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## **Certificate of Exemption Information for Parents**

Beginning July 22, 2011, the Washington State Department of Health has revised the policy/procedure for submitting an exemption. Parents or guardians who want to exempt their child from school or childcare immunization requirements must fill out and submit the (COE) form to their school or childcare setting.

- **Personal/Philosophical Exemption:**

- ✓ Parents must show that they have **received information from a health care provider** on the benefits and risks of immunizations before opting out of school vaccination requirements. **Parents must obtain a licensed health care provider signature.** A letter from a licensed health care provider may substitute for a signed ‘Provider Statement’. (Parent must complete Part 1 Side A and a Healthcare Provider must complete Part 2 Side A.)
- ✓ If a student is partially immunized and is in process of completing the required immunizations, the student may be admitted to school on a “conditional” status. If a student is in “conditional” status for more than 30 days past the usual interval for a vaccine dose, the student becomes “out of compliance” and will be excluded from school until documentation of subsequent immunization information is provided to the school.

- **Religious Exemption:**

- ✓ Parents or guardians who request a religious exemption because they **belong to a church or religious body whose beliefs or teachings** do not allow for medical treatment from a health care practitioner need to name the church or religious body they are a member of and then sign the COE. (Parent must complete all of Side B)
- ✓ Parents or guardians who request a religious exemption for reasons other than the statement above **must obtain a licensed health care provider signature.** A letter from a licensed health care provider may substitute for a signed ‘Provider Statement’. (Parent must complete Part 1 Side A and a Healthcare Provider must complete Part 2 Side A.)

- **Medical Exemption:**

- ✓ A medical exemption must be signed by a licensed health care provider. Blood titer results may also serve as an exemption. A student who is temporarily exempt for medical reasons is admitted on a **conditional basis**. Required immunizations must be obtained at the termination of the temporary exemption. If the medical condition is permanent or lifelong, the student shall be admitted as “medically exempt”. (Parent must complete Part 1 Side A and a Healthcare Provider must complete Part 2 Side A.)
- ✓ The **specific exempt vaccines** must be listed for all exemptions. For any exemption, your student may be excluded from school during an outbreak of the disease.