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A.

Request for Religious Exemption:

1.

A request for a religious exemption from immunization requirements must be presented to the facility/school on the Department of Health's Religious Exemption From Immunization form (DH 681 Form).

2.

The DH 681 Form is issued ONLY by county health departments and ONLY for a child who is not immunized because of his/her family's religious tenets or practices. If a parent requests such an exemption, the county health department staff must use the current DH 681 Form, which has been signed by the parent affirming the written statement on the form that a religious conflict exists. This form must be issued upon request. No other information should be solicited from the parent or guardian.

B.

Completion of DH 681 Form:

The following information must be completed on the DH 681 Form:

1.

The child's complete name, date of birth, and parent or guardian's name. The child's Social Security number (SS#) is optional. The Florida SHOTS ID should be included, if known.

2.

Parent's (or guardian's) signature and date of signature.

3.

County health department stamp, signature of the county health department director/administrator or their authorized designee, and date the form is issued.

C.

Retention of Form:

The DH 681 Form will be kept on file at the school, preschool, childcare facility, or family daycare home in order to facilitate identification of any unimmunized/susceptible children needing exclusion during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

D.

Consistency With Florida Law:

Requests for religious exemption from immunizations should be consistent with section 1003.22, *Florida Statutes*. **Exemptions for personal or philosophical reasons are not permitted under Florida law.**

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