



EDGEWOOD COLLEGE IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION FORM

REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT: RELIGIOUS REASONS

I understand that Edgewood College in accordance with Wisconsin Code concerning Immunization against certain diseases prior to school attendance requires proof of immunization with two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines, administered on or after the first birthday.

I request, in accordance with state, and Edgewood College policy, an exemption from this requirement on the grounds that such immunization conflicts with my religious/personal beliefs and practices which I affirm under the penalty of perjury. I understand that exemption subjects me to exclusion from campus in the event of an outbreak of disease for which immunization is required.

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE A NOTARY.

Signature

Name (please print)

Date

Student ID #

Parent or guardian signature (required only if student is under 18 years of age)

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ of _____ 20____.

Notary Signature

Commission expires & Notary Seal



RISK OF NON-IMMUNIZATION

Immunization is a safe and effective way to protect you against vaccine-preventable diseases that can hurt, cripple, and even kill. The following three contagious diseases can spread rapidly among non-immunized individuals in a group situation, such as university campus.

1. Measles: Measles is a serious disease characterized by rash and moderate to high fever. It can lead to pneumonia, serious ear infections, deafness, convulsions, inflammation of the brain and even death. The severe complications develop in one out of every 1,000 cases; one in ten of such complicated cases will result in death.
2. Rubella: Rubella or German Measles is an infectious viral disease characterized by mild fever and rash. The major risk is to non-immune women who catch the disease early in pregnancy. Such women are likely to have a baby with serious birth defects.
3. Mumps: Mumps is an acute viral infection characterized by fever and by swelling and tenderness of one more salivary glands. The most common complications of the disease include deafness from secondary ear infections (1 per 15,000 cases), meningoencephalitis (3.5 per 1,000 cases), and death (1-3.5 per 10,000 cases).

I have read and understand the above risks of non-immunization and have had the opportunity to discuss this with the medical provider.

I have requested exemption from the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella immunization requirements because they are contrary to my religious or personal beliefs. I agree to hold Edgewood College harmless in the event of any illness or injury resulting from noncompliance with this requirement. I understand that in case of an outbreak of measles, mumps, or rubella I may be temporarily excluded from classes, residence halls or campus of Edgewood College at the discretion of the Director and Nurse Practitioner and that this may not be an excused absence.

Student's Name

Date

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