

Guidelines for Requesting an Exemption for Reasons of Conscience

Written requests must be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service, commercial carrier, fax, or by hand-delivery. You may also request exemption forms on a secure website at <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm>

Mailing Address:

Immunization Branch
Department of State Health Services
Immunization Branch (MC 1946)
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, TX 78714-9347

Hand Delivery:

Department of State Health Services
Immunization Branch (MC 1946)
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756

Fax:

512.458.7544

- Hand-delivered requests may be submitted to the DSHS, Immunization Branch, 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 for whom a form is requested (first, middle, and last);
 - Date of birth of each child for whom a form is requested;
 - Parent or legal guardian's signature and complete return mailing address, including zip code; and
 - Number of forms needed for each child (not to exceed five forms per child)
- Electronic mail or telephone requests cannot be processed.
- The official Texas Department of State Health Services affidavit form must be notarized and submitted to school officials. The form must be submitted within 90 days from the date it is notarized.
- The school will accept only official affidavit forms developed and issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Immunization Branch. **No other forms or reproductions will be allowed.**

Per Texas state law, students may NOT be enrolled provisionally while awaiting their conscientious objection affidavit.

For more information contact the Immunization Branch at (512) 458-7284 or (800) 858-9152.