

Religious Exception Form

Declaration of Religious or Philosophical Objection for Required Vaccinations

USC Student Health Policy

USC Student Health requires all students to submit proof of the following vaccinations:

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) – 2 doses on or after the first birthday

Varicella vaccine – 2 doses on or after the first birthday

Meningococcal conjugate (Serogroups A, C, Y and W-135)- (*age 21 and under only*)– one dose on or after 16th birthday

Proof of documentation of positive antibody titers to measles, mumps and/or varicella will also be sufficient to satisfy USC Student Health immunization requirements.

Students can request exemption from this requirement if they have a religious or philosophical contraindication to the vaccine(s).

In order to qualify for a religious or philosophical exemption please describe below the student’s religious or philosophical beliefs and how these are beliefs are contrary to the practice of immunization. This explanation should include enough detail that the institution can determine that these beliefs are sincerely held and consistently guide and influence the student’s life.

If the student is under the age of 18, this statement should be provided and signed by the parent/guardian. If the student is 18 years old or older, then the statement should be provided by and signed by the student. If more space is needed, please use the back of this page.

Student or Parent /Guardian (if student is less than 18 years old)

By signing this declaration the student, or if a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian, verifies the request for exemption from required vaccinations by the University of Southern California on the basis of genuine and sincere religious or philosophical beliefs.

An unvaccinated student without natural immunity is at greater risk of becoming ill with the vaccine-preventable disease. An unvaccinated student that does not have documentation of immunity may be excluded from attending school during an emergency, or during an outbreak of, or after exposure to, any of these diseases: Measles, Mumps, Varicella (chickenpox) or Meningococcal Meningitis. These decisions may be made in consultation with appropriate local and state authorities. Unvaccinated students who are required to leave campus for health or public health reasons may be subject to academic or tuition consequences, in accordance with USC policies.

I understand this Religious Exception Form and have had the opportunity to ask questions about it. I verify the truth and accuracy of my statements in this Religious Exception Form and acknowledge that declining a vaccination may require my departure from campus under certain circumstances, which could result in academic or tuition consequences to me.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years old) _____



For use by USC Student Health staff only:

Date Received: _____ By: _____
PRINT NAME Signature

Approved: Yes / No

Date **Approved:** _____ Date **Denied:** _____

By: _____
Print Name Signature Department