



Step-by-Step Instructions for Completing the Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian’s Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations for School Enrollment

If your child has previously received one or more immunizations, and you are opposed to one or more school required immunizations on religious grounds:

1. First, obtain a copy of your child’s immunization certificate (EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status (Rev 01/2017)) from your local health department or your child’s medical provider.
 - ❖ All of the immunizations your child has ever received must be listed on your child’s immunization certificate
 - ❖ “Religious Objection” must be checked at the bottom of t your child’s immunization certificate
2. Next, obtain a copy of the EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian’s Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017) form from the Kentucky Immunization Program Website (<http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/Immunization.htm>), the Kentucky Department of Education Website (<http://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/Immunization-Information.aspx>), or from your local health department.
3. Complete the top portion of the EPID-230A form by placing an “X” in the box or boxes to the left of each disease for which you object to your child receiving an immunization.
4. Initial and date in the box or boxes to the right of each disease for which you object to your child receiving an immunization.
5. Initial after the statement, “Due to my religious beliefs, I object to my child receiving the required immunizations selected above. I am aware that if I change my mind, I can rescind this objection and obtain immunizations for my child.”
6. Child’s Name: Enter your child’s full legal Last Name, First Name, and Middle Name on the line provided.
7. Child’s Date of Birth: Enter your child’s Date of Birth using the format of MM/DD/YYYY on the line provided.
8. Parent Signature:
 - ❖ Take the unsigned EPID-230A form to a notary public, it must not have been signed in advance. Sign the form in the presence of the notary public.



9. Notary Public:
 - ❖ You can find a Notary Public in your county using the Commonwealth of Kentucky Secretary of State's Notary Portal Website, <http://apps.sos.ky.gov/adminservices/notaries/>.
 - ❖ Please note: A Notary Public must confirm the identity of the person whose name is to signed to the document.
 - The identification can be made by your presenting appropriate credentials, such as a driver's license.
10. Only when the Notary Public signs, dates, and applies the embossed seal, will you have a current and valid EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017).
11. The current and valid EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017) must be presented with a current and valid EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status (Rev 01/2017) at the time of enrollment in a child care facility or school, in order to satisfy the immunization certificate requirement.
12. You will not be required to complete an additional EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017) for your child unless:
 - ❖ You have objections, based on religious grounds, to any new disease or diseases not originally indicated on the completed EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations sworn before a Notary Public.