

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

If your child has received one or more immunizations over the course of his or her lifetime, and you are opposed to one or more school required immunizations on religious grounds:

1. 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 provider.
 - ❖ All of the immunizations your child has ever received must be listed on the EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status (Rev 01/2017)
 - ❖ Religious Objection must be checked at the bottom of the EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status (Rev 01/2017)
2. Obtain a copy of the EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian’s Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017) 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 Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian’s Declination on Religious Grounds (Revised 06/2017) by placing an “X” in the box or boxes to the left of each disease for which you object your child receiving an immunization.
4. Initial and date in the box or boxes to the right of each disease for which you object your child receiving an immunization.
5. Initial on the line next to “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:
 - ❖ You may sign on the line beside Parent Signature, however, the Notary Public will need to verify that the signature on the document matches the signature on your identification and the signature you provide in the Notary Public’s journal.
 - ❖ You may wait to sign and date until you appear in front 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/>).
 - ❖ A Notary Public must first identify the signer to be the person whose name is signed to the document.
 - The identification can be made through personal knowledge or 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, valid EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017).
11. The current, 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 copy of the current, valid EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status (Rev 01/2017) as indicated in Step 1, to the school in order to satisfy the immunization certificate requirement for school enrollment.
12. Expiration of Certificates
- a. 902 KAR 2:060 requires that a new EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status be generated for a child who receives any new age-appropriate immunization required by the administrative regulation.
 - ❖ A new EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status must have certification that child is current for immunizations until a specified date, including a statement that the certificate shall not be valid after a specified date.
 - b. The EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017) does not have an expiration date. 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;
 - ❖ You have rescinded your objection, based on religious grounds, to some immunizations as 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;
 - ❖ There is an approved regulation revision indicating such action.

*If your child has **never received** any immunization over the course his or her lifetime:*

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2. Complete the top portion of the EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds (Revised 06/2017) by placing an "X" in the box or boxes to the left of each disease for which you object your child receiving an immunization.
3. Initial and date in the box or boxes to the right of each disease for which you object your child receiving an immunization.
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7. Parent Signature:
 - ❖ You may sign on the line beside Parent Signature, however, the Notary Public will need to verify that the signature on the document matches the signature on your identification and the signature you provide in the Notary Public's journal.
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9. Only when the Notary Public signs, dates, and applies the embossed seal, will you have a current, valid EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017).
10. The current, valid EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations (Revised 06/2017) must be presented to the school in order to satisfy the immunization certificate requirement for enrollment.

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