



Sacred Heart of Jesus School

Statement of Exemption From Immunizations

Under Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:170 Section E, I hereby claim exemption from the immunization requirement for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. I have decided not to have my child vaccinated or to complete his/her vaccinations. I have read and acknowledge the following:

1. I understand that some vaccine-preventable diseases (measles, mumps, pertussis) are infecting unvaccinated U.S. children, resulting in hospitalizations and even death.
2. I understand that though vaccinations have led to a dramatic decline in the number of U.S. cases, some of these diseases are quite common in other countries and can be brought to the U.S. by international travelers.
3. I understand that my unvaccinated child could spread disease to another child who is too young to be vaccinated, or whose medical condition (cancer, etc.) prevents them from being vaccinated or a pregnant teacher. This can result in long-term complications or even death for the other child.
4. I understand that if *every* parent exempted their child from vaccinations, these diseases would return to our community in full force.
5. I understand that my child may not be protected by “herd” or “community” immunity (the degree of protection that is the result of having most people in a population vaccinated against a disease).
6. I understand that if my child is not vaccinated and becomes infected, he or she could experience serious consequences, such as amputation, pneumonia, hospitalization, brain damage, paralysis, meningitis, seizures, deafness, and death.
7. **I understand that my child will be excluded from school during vaccine preventable disease outbreaks, upon the recommendation of the office of public health, until the incubation period has expired or I present evidence of immunization.**

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____