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**Legal Exemptions to Minnesota Immunization Law**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Students 7 years of age or older do not need pertussis vaccine.
- Students 18 years of age or older do not need polio vaccine.
- **Medical exemption:** No student is required to receive an immunization if they have a medical contraindication or laboratory evidence of immunity. To receive a medical exemption, a physician must sign the following statement.

*I hereby certify that immunization is contraindication for medical reasons or that laboratory confirmation of adequate immunity exists for the following immunizations:*

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of physician \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- **Conscientious exemption:** No student is required to have an immunization, which is contrary to the conscientiously held beliefs of his/her parent or guardian. To receive this exemption, a parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the following statement and have it notarized.

*I hereby certify by notarization that immunization for my child is contrary to my conscientiously held beliefs. Indicate vaccine(s):*

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Signature of parent or legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of notary \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Exceptions for DTP, Td, and Polio**

**Children less than 7 years of age:** The 5<sup>th</sup> dose of DtaP/DTP/DT (similarly the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of polio vaccine) is not necessary if the 4<sup>th</sup> DtaP/DTP/DT (3<sup>rd</sup> dose of polio) was administered after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Children 7 years of age and older:** A history of 3 doses of DtaP/DTP/Td and 3 doses of polio vaccine meets the minimum requirements of the law.

**Students in grades 7 – 12:** A Td booster given at age 11 or later is not required for students in grades 7 – 12 whose most recent Td was given after their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday but before their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. Instead, it will be required 10 years after the date of the most recent dose.