

Medical Exemptions

Oregon allows medical exemptions for children who have a medical condition that contraindicates vaccination. Only physicians or local health departments may sign a medical exemption. Children with this type of medical exemption are considered susceptible because if they are exposed to a disease that they haven't been vaccinated for, they are likely to get it.

Medical exemptions must be in a letter from a physician or local health department supplementing the Certificate of Immunization Status.

The letter must include:

1. Child's name
2. Child's birth date
3. The Vaccine(s) affected
4. The condition that contraindicates vaccination
5. The physician's or local health department representative's signature
6. The physician's or local health department representative's contact information.

*In case of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease in a community, the local health department has the legal authority to exclude from school or childcare attendance any child who has not been completely immunized, including children with a medical exemption.