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Frequently Asked Questions about Senate Bill 895 for Parents

What did Senate Bill 895 change about religious exemptions to immunization?

Old religious exemptions to immunization signed before March 1, 2014, are no longer accepted. If your child has an old religious exemption, you will need to complete new documentation of immunizations, a medical exemption, or a nonmedical exemption.

What are the options for parents of children with old religious exemptions?

- **If your child has received the vaccines** write the dates on a [Certificate of Immunization Status](#) form and turn in the form to your child's school or child care.
- **If you want a nonmedical exemption for your child**, complete the new process and turn in two forms:
 1. Certificate of Immunization Status—fill in the dates of any vaccines your child has received, fill out the nonmedical exemption section by marking the vaccines for which you want the exemption, and then sign and date the exemption.
AND
 2. Vaccine Education Certificate—you will get this certificate after completing the required education about immunizations from a health care practitioner or the from the online vaccine education module.
Go to www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption for more information about nonmedical exemptions.
- **If you need a medical exemption for your child**, get a letter from your child's physician with the information stated on the Certificate of Immunization Status form. Turn in the letter to your child's school or child care. Medical exemptions are reviewed and approved by the health department.

When is the new documentation due?

Turn in the documentation of immunizations or exemption by December. If you don't get the information in by December, you may receive a notice this winter stating that your child will be excluded from school or child care because of missing immunization records.

What did Senate Bill 895 change about immunization reporting requirements?

Schools and children's facilities (preschools, Head Starts and certified child care programs) will be required to have their immunization rates available at their main offices, on their websites, and for parents on paper or electronic format. You can request this information as it becomes available.