

## Claiming an Exemption for Vaccines Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and New Exemptions

Parents/guardians have two options for claiming an exemption for vaccines that are required for school entry:

- Complete an online education module and print the exemption form (free of charge)
- Or obtain an in-person consultation and exemption form through the local health department for a fee

Utah allows for three types of exemptions – personal, religious, and medical per section 53G-9-303 of the Utah Statutory Code

- For personal/religious exemptions, parents/guardians must provide a copy of the completed exemption form to the school
- For medical exemptions, parents/guardians must provide a copy of the completed exemption form to the school **AND** provide a written statement by a licensed healthcare provider

Exemptions obtained in elementary school will stay valid until students enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade. A new exemption form will be required when students enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade and will stay valid until completion of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

How to Access the Online Education Module

1. Go to <https://immunize.utah.gov/immunization-education-module/>
2. Read instructions on the webpage and follow the link to get started
3. Make sure computer speakers are turned on
4. After completing the module, print off the exemption form and give a copy to the school

Please note that the online education module will only provide one exemption form per child. For example, if there are twins in the family then the online education module must be completed twice in order to have an exemption form for each child.

### References

- Immunize.utah.gov
- <https://immunize.utah.gov/school-early-childhood-program-requirements/immunization-exemptions/>
- 2018-19 Utah Immunization Guidebook for Schools, Early Childhood Programs, and Healthcare Providers [https://immunize.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Immunization\\_Guidebook.pdf](https://immunize.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Immunization_Guidebook.pdf)