



# Becker College

## Notice of Medical/Religious Exception to Vaccination(s)

**Philosophical exemptions are not allowed by law in Massachusetts, even if signed by a physician. Only medical and religious exemptions are acceptable. These exemptions must be kept in the students' files at school (105 CMR 220.000 and M.G.L. c.76, ss. 15, 15C and 15D).**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ As per General Laws of Massachusetts chapter 76, section 15C (Vaccination and Immunization; Exceptions by Reason of Physical Condition or Religious Belief) I am exempting myself from vaccination because it conflicts with my:

### **Sincerely held religious belief:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature/Date (If under age 18)

### **Medical/Physical Condition:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
office phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature/Date (If under age 18)

### **Notice of Exclusion During Disease Outbreaks:**

\*In situations when one or more cases of a vaccine-preventable or any other communicable disease are present on campus, all susceptible, including those with medical or religious exemptions are subject to exclusion as described in the Reportable Diseases and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements. (\*Resource; DPH 105 CMR 300.000; available upon request.)



I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) am aware that in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, will be excluded (Quarantined) from campus for the period of time mandated by the MA DPH and as identified by the Director of Student Health Services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature/Date (If less than 18 yrs old)

## Massachusetts General Law for immunization exception.

M.G.L. c. 76, ss 15C;

§ 15. Vaccination and Immunization; Exceptions by Reason of Physical Condition or Religious Belief.

No child shall, except as hereinafter provided, be admitted to school except upon presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles and poliomyelitis and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the department of public health.

A child shall be admitted to school upon certification by a physician that he has personally examined such child and that in his opinion the physical condition of the child is such that his health would be endangered by such vaccination or by any of such immunizations. Such certification shall be submitted at the beginning of each school year to the physician in charge of the school health program. If the physician in charge of the school health program does not agree with the opinion of the child's physician, the matter shall be referred to the department of public health, whose decision will be final.

In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the department of public health, no child whose parent or guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said physician's certificate in order to be admitted to school.

105 CMR 220.600 (2007)

220.600: Immunization Requirements for Postsecondary Students

(A) No student, as specified in 105 CMR 220.400(C) and 220.600(B), shall attend a postsecondary institution without a certification of immunization, as specified in 105 CMR 220.600(C). For purposes of 105 CMR 220.600, "postsecondary institution" shall mean a college, university, institute or school accredited as a postsecondary institution by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

(B) The following students are subject to the requirements of 105 CMR 220.600(C):

(1) full-time undergraduate and graduate students;

(2) part-time undergraduate and graduate students in a health science program who may be in contact with patients; and

(3) beginning on January 1, 1999, any full or part-time student attending an institution of higher education in Massachusetts while on a student or other visa, including a student attending or visiting classes or programs as part of a formal academic visitation or exchange program.

(C) Each student subject to 105 CMR 220.600(B) must present a certificate of immunization that the student has received the following immunizations:

(1) at least one dose of mumps and rubella vaccine(s) given at or after 12 months of age;



(2) two doses of live measles vaccine given at least one month apart beginning at or after 12 months of age;

(3) a booster dose of Td within the last ten years;

(4) beginning on September 1, 2000, 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine will be required for all students in a health science program who may be in contact with patients. After September 1, 2005, this requirement shall apply to all students subject to 105 CMR 220.600.

(D) The requirements of 105 CMR 220.600 shall not apply where:

(1) the student provides written documentation that he or she meets the standards for medical or religious exemption set forth in M.G.L. c. 76, ss 15C;

(2) the student provides appropriate documentation, including a copy of a school immunization record, indicating receipt of the required immunizations; or

(3) in the case of measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B, the student presents laboratory evidence of immunity.

(E) Whenever possible, such immunizations are to be obtained prior to enrollment or registration. However, students subject to 105 CMR 220.600 may be enrolled or registered provided that the required immunizations are obtained within 30 days of registration and provided, further, that the postsecondary institution has policies and procedures for ascertaining which students have failed to obtain the necessary immunizations within 30 days, and for taking appropriate follow up action to ensure compliance with 105 CMR 220.00.