



Technical Bulletin



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Topic: New Immunization Exemption Requirement for Nevada Universities
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To: Universities' Records and Registration Offices and Student Health Centers

Amendments to NAC **441A** were adopted by the State Board of Health on December 10, 2020 and adopted by the Legislative Commission on January 5, 2021. **The new immunization exemption requirements and allowances will go into effect for the 2021-2022 school year.**

1. A student requesting an immunization exemption due to medical conditions or religious beliefs must:
 - a. Submit a written statement on a form provided by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
 - b. Those requesting religious exemptions must submit the above-mentioned State Immunization Exemption Form annually to university registration officials, according to the annual enrollment schedule of the university.
2. A local health officer may conduct an audit of the medical exemptions granted by the university in certain circumstances.

The forms on which to report medical and religious exemptions to universities may be found here: https://dph.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School_Requirements/School_Requirements/.

The exact language of the new vaccination requirement and immunization exemption requirement may be found at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2020Register/R046-20AP.pdf>

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin [website](#) and Nevada's health response [website](#) regularly. If you have other questions regarding university vaccination requirements, please email nviz@health.nv.gov with questions.

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Enclosed:

- University_Medical Immunization Exemption Form.pdf
- University_Religious Immunization Exemption Form.pdf