



IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Cornerstone Christian Schools has always been committed to our students' health and wellness. All new and returning students are required to meet the 2022-2023 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students grades K-12 in order to attend CCS. Students without the required immunizations or an approved exemption (Texas Reason of Conscientious Exemption Affidavit or a Medical exemption) will NOT be allowed to attend school until the student achieves immunization compliance or has a valid exemption on file.

Please visit the Texas Immunization Branch website at www.Immunizetexas.com for current information about school vaccine requirements.

ACCEPTABLE EXEMPTIONS

Cornerstone Christian Schools **does** accept the **Texas Reason of Conscientious Exemption Affidavit** as well as **Medical Exemption Statements** as an exemption for the proof of meeting the State of Texas mandatory vaccination requirements.

To claim an exclusion for **Reasons of Conscience**, including a religious belief, the child's parent, legal guardian, or a student 18 years of age or older must present to the school or child-care facility a completed, signed and notarized affidavit on a form provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services stating that the child's parent, legal guardian, or the student declines vaccinations for reasons of conscience, including because of the person's religious beliefs. The form must be submitted to the school or child-care facility within 90 days from the date it is notarized. The affidavit will be valid for a two-year period from the date of notarization. A child or student who has not received the required immunizations for reasons of conscience, including religious beliefs, may be excluded from school in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of the department. Apply online for reasons of conscience exemption: <https://co-request.dshs.texas.gov/>

In maintaining with State law, CCS will accept **Medical Exemption Statements**, from a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, that the vaccine(s) required would be medically harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child or household member. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.