

# ■ Maryland Religious Exemption — Quick Guide

## ■ The Law

- Parents may object to school vaccines if it conflicts with bona fide religious beliefs.
- No doctor's signature is required.
- The exemption does not apply during a declared emergency or epidemic.

## ■ The Form You Need

- Use Maryland Immunization Certificate (MDH 896).
  - Fill in your child's info.
  - Sign the Religious Objection section.
  - Submit to your school or daycare. Keep a copy.
- Download: MDH Form 896 (PDF)

## ■ During Emergencies

- Only the Secretary of Health can declare one.
- Most likely enforcement = school exclusion, not forced vaccination.
- BUT: schools may run vaccination clinics. Mistakes and overreach do happen.

Bottom line: If a clinic is scheduled, keep your child home unless you're OK with the risk of unwanted vaccination.

## ■ No Consent Letter

I do not consent to my child receiving any vaccinations under any circumstances without my direct written consent. Any attempt to vaccinate my child without my permission will be treated as assault and a violation of my parental rights.

## ■ Tony's Take

*"Emergencies are when they cut corners. Some staff will jab your kid even knowing you said no. Don't hand 'em that power. Put it in writing. Teach your kid to say 'Call my parents.' And if there's a clinic at school? Keep your kid home. Simple."*

■ Get the full guide online: <https://vaxcalc.org/exemptions/maryland/>