



IMMUNIZATION WAIVER RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FORM

Name:

Date of Birth:

WU ID:

Winthrop University **requires** the following vaccines for admission:

Required	Declined
MMR 2 doses (or equivalent)	
Td/Tdap	

I have read the Vaccine Information Statement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention explaining the vaccine(s) and the disease(s) it prevents. I have had the opportunity to discuss this with the University Health Services nursing staff, who have answered all of my questions regarding the recommended vaccine(s).

I understand the following:

- The purpose of and the need for the recommended vaccine(s)
- The risks and benefits of the recommended vaccine(s)
- If I do not receive the vaccine(s) according to the medically accepted schedule, the consequences may include:
 - Contracting the illness the vaccine should prevent. The outcomes of these illnesses may include one or more of the following: pneumonia, illness requiring hospitalization, brain damage, paralysis, meningitis, seizures, deafness and death. Other severe and permanent effects from these vaccine-preventable diseases are possible as well.
 - Transmitting the disease to others.
- If a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak occurs and a student has not been immunized or provided proof of immunity, the South Carolina Department of Public Health may require their exclusion from the University for a specified period of time.
 - In such cases, **Winthrop University is not responsible for missed classes, and tuition and fees will not be refunded.** During this time, students should follow the Absence Notification process on the Dean of Students website to notify instructors and coordinate regarding missed coursework.

Winthrop University Health Services staff, the American College Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the South Carolina Department of Public Health all strongly recommend that the vaccine(s) be given according to recommendations. **Nevertheless, due to religious beliefs, I have decided at this time to decline or defer the vaccine(s) recommended, as indicated above, by initialing the appropriate box under the column titled "Declined."**

I understand that failure to receive the recommended vaccinations may endanger the health or life of myself and others with whom I might come into contact.

I understand that I may readdress this issue with the University Health Services nursing staff at any time and that I may change my mind and accept vaccination anytime in the future.

I acknowledge that I have read this document in its entirety and fully understand the information contained within.

Student Signature:

Date:

Nursing Signature:

Date: