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Dear School Nurse/Childcare Administrator,

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep students protected against vaccine-preventable disease. Through your diligence, New Hampshire has some of the highest pediatric vaccination rates in the country. Your continued efforts to ensure that children have completed their [required school vaccinations](#) have helped to save lives and to keep NH healthy.

This last legislative season, the New Hampshire Legislature enacted [HB1035](#) removing the notary requirement for parents seeking a religious exemption from required school and childcare vaccines (effective 7/19/22). This legislative change is only applicable to religious exemption and does not change any other process for religious exemption other than the removal of this notary requirement.

As a result of this legislative action, the New Hampshire Immunization Program is in process of revising the previous Certificate of Religious Exemption form to remove the notary requirement. The new form will also allow for the parent to specify which vaccine(s) they are requesting an exemption from and secures an acknowledgement of parent understanding the risks associated with choosing not to vaccinate their child. Once finalized, this new form "New Hampshire Childcare/School Immunization Religious Exemption Certificate" will be made available on the New Hampshire Immunization Program's [website on exemptions](#).

For more information please see the New Hampshire Immunization Program's [website on exemptions](#) or call us at (603)271-4482.

Sincerely,

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