



THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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*Welcome back school nurses and school nurse supervisors!
The 2015-16 school year has begun! We hope that the summer has renewed your energies, revitalized your spirits and you are ready for the exciting experiences that school nursing practice has in store for all for you. Thanks in advance for taking care of and advocating for Connecticut's children and youth.*

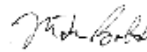
STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Immunization Program

TO: School Nursing Supervisors, School Medical Advisors & Superintendents of Schools
FROM: Mick Bolduc, Epidemiologist Connecticut Immunization Program 
DATE: July 1, 2015
SUBJECT: Revision to School Immunization Religious Exemption Regulations

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of changes to the school immunization religious exemption statute. The changes are effective July 1, 2015.

The state legislature amended the statute governing immunization exemptions (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-204a) in three ways.

1. To claim an immunization exemption based on religious beliefs, a child's parent or guardian must present a statement that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of the child or the parent/guardian of the child.
2. The statement must be acknowledged by a judge or family support magistrate, a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, a town clerk, a notary public, a justice of the peace, an attorney licensed to practice in the state of Connecticut, or a school nurse.
3. The amended statute requires the statement to be presented before a child can be enrolled in any public or non-public school program and before a child can enter seventh grade.

The Public Act (PA 15-242 § 68) amending the Statute can be accessed at:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/ACT/PA/2015PA-00242-R00HB-06987-PA.htm> (section 68)

Students with religious exemptions who are already enrolled at a school and are not entering seventh grade will not be affected by the amended statute.

Enclosed is a revised Religious Exemption form. The form is also available at: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/immunizations> (click Immunization Laws and Regulations, then click Exemption Forms). The Department does not require use of this form, but we hope that you find it useful.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.



State of Connecticut
Department of Public Health
Religious Exemption Statement

(Printed full, legal name of student)

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear or affirm, as the case may be as follows:

1. I am making this Religious Exemption Statement pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-204a so that the student may enroll in school for the first time or enter seventh grade at _____ school.
2. I am the lawful parent guardian of the student.
3. Immunizing said student would be contrary to student's parent's guardian's religious beliefs.
4. I understand that by claiming this exemption the student shall be exempt from the immunizations required by Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 10-204a and 19a-7f.
5. I understand that during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak at the above-identified school, all susceptible children, including the student will be excluded from school if a public health official determines that the school is a significant site for disease exposure, transmission and spread into the community. In such case, such children, including the student shall be excluded from school until: (1) the public health official determines that the outbreak danger has ended; (2) the child becomes ill with the disease and completely recovers from it; (3) the child is vaccinated according to public health protocol; or (4) the child has proof of immunity to the disease.

Name(s) of Parent(s)

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Date

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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Date

Address (Street & House or Apt. no.)

Telephone(s) no.

City, State and Zip Code

TO CLAIM A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION, AN EXEMPTION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC OR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BEFORE ENROLLING IN THE SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME AND BEFORE ENTERING SEVENTH (7TH) GRADE.

Professional Development Opportunities



The Connecticut State Department of Education
presents the following opportunity for school nurses,
school nurse supervisors, related service providers and school
wellness team members.



Fall 2015 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Friday, October 9, 2015 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hartford-Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road
Cromwell, CT 06416

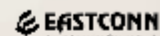
Facilitator.....Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN, School Health
Consultant, Connecticut State Department of Education
Fee.....\$75 (includes breakfast and lunch)
Course #1525300186
Register by9/25/15
Register at<http://rs.registereastconn.org/courses/view/id/13336>
Certificates of Completion will be awarded.

This activity will provide school nurse supervisors with information on multiple state initiatives and trends in the state. Additionally, school nurse supervisors will have the opportunity to network with colleagues.

As a result of attending this conference, participants will:

- become familiar with new legislation, initiatives and trends in the state;
- become familiar with how a bill becomes a law in Connecticut;
- get acquainted with trends in school nutrition; and
- network with other school nurses and school nurse supervisors.

If you have questions regarding registration, or have difficulty using the online form, e-mail conferenceoffice@eastconn.org, or call 860-455-1533.



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Professional Development Opportunities, cont'd.



CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Medical Education, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Connecticut Children's Medical Center (Connecticut Children's) is accredited by the Connecticut State Medical Society to sponsor Continuing Medical Education for Physicians

5th Annual Diabetes Education Session

Date of Lecture: Saturday, September 19th, 2015

Time: 8 am – 2:30 pm

Place: Connecticut Children's Specialty Outpatient Building - 2nd Floor
505 Farmington Ave, Farmington, CT 06032

Cost: *Registration Prior to 9/9/15: \$60* *Registration 9/10-9/17/15: \$75*

OBJECTIVES:

1. Describe the etiology and pathophysiology of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes in youth
2. Identify current treatment plans and tools utilized in the management of diabetes in children and adolescents and apply them to the school setting
3. Describe factors influencing, and methods to maintain, blood glucose control during exercise and physical activity for youth with diabetes.
4. Identify age-appropriate developmental stages and utilizing this with diabetes tasks

Target Audience: Primary Care Providers and School based nurses

Program Fees and Registration:

Cost: *Registration Prior to 9/9/15: \$60* *Registration 9/10-9/17/15: \$75*

Please send completed Registration form and check (Payable to Connecticut Children's Medical Center-CME) to Diane Mouradjian, Continuing Medical Education, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, 282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Please email Diane Mouradjian at: dmouradjian@connecticutchildrens.org when registration is sent.

Name: _____ Degree _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Telephone & Fax _____

Email
(Required) _____

Food Allergies _____

Further questions regarding: The schedule and topics please contact Julie Pedersen at 860-837-6735 or jpedersen@connecticutchildrens.org Registration and CME please contact Diane Mouradjian 860-837-6264 or dmouradjian@connecticutchildrens.org

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