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Religious Certificate of Immunization Exemption

Name Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Date of Birth: _____

A religious exemption may be granted to an applicant only if immunization conflicts with a genuine and sincere religious belief. A Certificate of Immunization Exemption for religious reasons shall be signed by the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, by the parent or guardian or legally authorized representative. By signing this certificate, you are attesting that the immunization conflicts with a genuine and sincere religious belief and that the belief is in fact religious, and not based merely on philosophical, scientific, moral, personal, or medical opposition to immunizations.

A child granted a religious exemption may be excluded from child care or school during a disease outbreak. The length of time a child is excluded from child care or school will vary depending on the type of disease and the circumstances surrounding the outbreak, and could range from several days to over a month.

By signing this form, I acknowledge the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services has published information regarding immunizations on the Department's website, including:

- Information that failure to complete the required immunizations increases the risk to my child and others of contracting, carrying, and spreading a vaccine-preventable disease; and
- Information that there are children with special health needs attending schools and child care who are unable to be vaccinated or who are at a heightened risk of contracting a vaccine-preventable disease and for whom such a disease could be life-threatening.

The Religious Exemption shall be submitted by the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, by the applicant's parent or guardian to the admitting official of the school or licensed child care center in which the applicant wishes to enroll.

Name (Print): _____
Applicant, Parent or Guardian

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Applicant, Parent or Guardian