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Request to be Exempt from Immunization Requirements

Student Name__________________________________________Student ID No. __________________________________________

Phone__________________________________________Email __________________________________________

Students requesting to be exempt from the University of Southern Indiana’s immunization requirements are required to read and sign this Request for Exemption. The University of Southern Indiana recognizes only medical and religious exemptions. Requests for exemption are evaluated by the University Health Center Manager.

Risks of Non-Immunization: Immunization is a safe and effective way to protect you against vaccine-preventable disease that can cause significant health problems. The following contagious diseases can spread rapidly among non-immunized individuals in a group settings like a university campus.

1. **Measles** is a serious disease characterized by a rash and moderate to high fever. It can lead to pneumonia, serious ear infections, deafness, convulsions, inflammation of the brain, and even death. The severe complications develop in one out of every 1,000 cases; one in ten of such complicated cases will result in death.

2. **Rubella** (“German measles”) is an infectious viral disease characterized by mild fever and rash. The major risk is to non-immune women who catch the disease early in pregnancy. Such women may have a baby with serious birth defects.

Additional information concerning immunization may be obtained from the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov or through the University of Southern Indiana’s University Health Center. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the above stated risks of non-immunization and have had the opportunity to discuss these risks with a physician, or have declined to do so, and that you are requesting exemption from the University of Southern Indiana’s immunization requirements for the following reason(s):

- Pregnancy or Suspected Pregnancy
- Medical Contraindication
- Religious Objection

Please submit this form and your physician’s letter to our office. A final determination will be made by the manager of the University Health Center.

**Parent must sign if student is less than 18 years of age. Student must sign form after turning 18 if parent signed previously.**