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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](http://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

1. If you claim an exemption for pregnancy or suspected pregnancy, a physician’s letter certifying the reason for exemption is required.
2. If you claim an exemption for medical contraindication, a physician’s letter indicating the nature and probable duration of the condition is required. The letter must also identify the specific vaccine(s) that could be detrimental.

**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.**

**Liability Release**

In recognition of the risks associated with this Request to be Exempt from Immunization, I hereby waive any and all claims against the University of Southern Indiana (“USI”) and its trustees, faculty, staff, employees, or agents, which may arise as a result of my failure to be immunized, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless USI from any claims or causes of action brought against it or its trustees, faculty, staff, employees, or agents as a result of my failure to be immunized. I further understand that in the event that a case of measles, mumps, or rubella is discovered on campus, I may be temporarily excluded from classes, residence halls, or the USI campus while a public health threat exists.

Student signature\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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