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Request for Exemption from Vaccination Requirement

Student Name _____ Social Security # _____

Students requesting an exemption from DePauw's immunization requirements are required to read and sign this Request for Exemption. DePauw recognizes only medical and religious exemptions and wants students to understand the risks associated with a decision to seek an exemption. Exemptions are approved by the Medical Director of Student Health Services.

Risks of Non-Immunization: Immunization is a safe and effective way to protect you against vaccine-preventable diseases that can hurt, cripple and even kill. The following contagious diseases can spread rapidly among non-immunized individuals in a group situation such as a university campus.

1. **Measles** is a serious disease characterized by 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 are likely to have a baby with serious birth defects.

Information concerning other required immunizations is available through the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov or through DePauw Student Health Services. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the above risks of non-immunization and have had the opportunity to discuss this with a medical provider, or have declined to do so, and request exemption from DePauw's immunization requirements for the following reason(s):

pregnancy medical contraindication religious reasons

If you claim an exemption for medical/pregnancy reasons, a physician's letter documenting the reason for exemption is required. Please submit this form and your documenting letter to our office.

Liability Release

In consideration for exemption, I hereby waive any and all claims against DePauw University ("DePauw") and its faculty, staff, employees and/or agents which may arise as a result of my failure to be immunized, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless DePauw from any claims or causes of action brought against it or its faculty, staff, employees or agents as a result of my failure to be immunized. I further understand that in the event that a case or cases of measles and/or rubella is/are discovered on campus, I may be temporarily excluded from classes, residence halls or the DePauw campus at the discretion of DePauw.

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.*