

Exemptions to Immunization Requirements

How to Process An Exemption or Waiver

- 1. Obtain supporting documentation for the exemption, as explained below. Please note, no additional documentation is necessary for online waivers.
- 2. Log in to the Patient Portal
- 3. Go to the **My Forms** tab, select the Immunizations History form, and select an exemption or waiver and submit the form.
- 4. Upload your supporting documentation for verification in DOCUMENT UPLOAD tab.

You will receive a secure message to your Kean email once the supporting documents are verified and/or if additional information is required. Please note, all records must be submitted and processed before a restriction can be removed.

Medical Exemption: Students with documented medical conditions in which immunizations would be contraindicated pursuant to N.J.A.C 8:57-6.14 qualify for a medical exemption. Enter your request via the Immunizations History form in the patient portal, as described above, provide a written statement by a healthcare provider that indicates the reason for the medical contraindication, based on valid medical reason as enumerated by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This written statement should indicate the specific time period for the medical exemption and must be updated on a yearly basis.

Religious Exemption: Students may request a religious exemption to the immunization requirements set forth by the State of New Jersey based on religious objections as pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.15. Enter your request via the Immunizations History form in the patient portal, as described above, and provide written statement by student if over age 18, or by parent or legal guardian if a minor, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the students religious beliefs.

Online Waiver: Students that are enrolled in a Kean University online program and do not congregate on campus or in off-campus facility as pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-6.4 qualify for an online waiver. Enter your request via the Immunizations History form in the patient portal, as described above.



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Please note, that during a vaccine-preventable outbreak at Kean University, all susceptible students will be excluded from the campus including housing, classes and extracurricular activities. If a public health official determines that the campus is a significant site for disease exposure, transmission and spread into the community, students must stay away from the campus until the outbreak or threat of outbreak is over.