

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT SPRINGFIELD
UIS Health Services Policy and Procedures
Request for Religious Exemption Waiver 7/31/2019

Health Services
Division of Student Affairs
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Illinois law requires the University to reasonably accommodate its students' religious beliefs, observances, and practices in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work requirements. We recommend that students examine each syllabus at the beginning of the semester for potential conflicts, notify the instructor/professor, and follow their directions as to how to request accommodations.

The policy attempts to strike a reasonable balance between accommodating religious observances of students and meeting the academic needs and standards of the University. Students will complete the Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations and/or Examinations Form (<http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/religious-exemption-form-081815-040816.pdf>) by a United States provider and submit copies to UIS Health Services. Please complete the form by the semester due date to avoid a hold and a noncompliance fee to your account and send by email to uishealthservice@uis.edu.

Students with religious exemptions shall be permitted to attend college except in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak in the college. All susceptible students will be excluded from college based on public health officials' determination that the college is a primary site for disease exposure, transmission and spread into the community. Students excluded from college, for this reason, will not be able to return to school until:

1. the danger of the outbreak has passed as determined by public health officials
2. the student becomes ill with the disease and completely recovers, or
3. the student is immunized. For example, for measles, the, for this reason, the incubation period is 18 days from the onset of symptoms for the last case in the community.

Outbreaks like measles may last for several months. According to State statutes, (77 Ill. Adm. Code 665 & 690), no student may be admitted to school without proof of immunization or a statement of exemption. Students seeking an exemption on the basis that immunizations would be contrary to their religious beliefs should complete the form and return it to UIS Health Services.

Once the student has, for this reason, of the University's decision on the petition, UIS Health Services will maintain the completed form.

