

Non-Medical Vaccine Exemption

Pediatric Partners of the Southwest is honored to be your child's medical home. We want all our families to make safe, informed decisions regarding their child's health care. Our medical providers feel very strongly that recommended childhood vaccines are safe, effective, and necessary to maintain the health of the community as well as each individual child, which is why vaccines are discussed at all health maintenance visits in our practice.

Colorado has always allowed a family to decline vaccinations for their child based on religious or personal beliefs and still attend public school. What is new in 2021 is a state law that requires families to document having received counseling regarding recommended childhood immunizations, including the safety and effectiveness of childhood vaccines, before claiming a non-medical exemption to vaccination. This vaccine exemption must be renewed by a parent/legal guardian several times during the first year of the child's life, and yearly thereafter if they are attending public school.

You may access the online counseling module at <https://www.dcprrapps.dphe.state.co.us/storyline360/story.html>. After viewing this educational module, you will be able to complete an electronic form to obtain a Certificate of Non-Medical Exemption for all children in the household who require it.

Our providers will be happy to schedule an appointment to further discuss this at any time if desired. Thank you again for entrusting Pediatric Partners of the Southwest with your child's care!