

Declination of Influenza Vaccination

Sonshine Preschool has recommended that I receive the Influenza vaccination to protect the children I serve, in accordance with SB 792*, the new law passed as of September 1, 2016.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the following facts:

- Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills thousands of people in the United States each year
- Influenza vaccination is recommended for me and all other staff and volunteers to protect this facility's children from Influenza and its complications, and death.
- If I contract influenza, I can shed the virus for 24 hours before influenza symptoms appear. My shedding the virus can spread it to others and they can become seriously ill.
- If I become infected with influenza, even if my symptoms are mild or non-existent, I can spread it to others and they can become seriously ill.
- I understand that the strains of the virus that cause influenza infection change almost every year and, even if they don't change, my immunity declines over time. This is why vaccination against influenza is recommended each year.
- I understand that I cannot get influenza from the influenza vaccine.
- The consequences of my refusing to be vaccinated could have life-threatening consequences to my health and the health of those with whom I have contact, including:
 - Children
 - Coworkers
 - My family
 - My community

Despite these facts, I am choosing to decline the influenza vaccination right now for the following reasons:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Doctor Signature: _____

Doctor's Comments: _____

**This bill mandates proof of vaccination for measles, pertussis and optional annual flu vaccine for daycare providers, early childhood teachers, head start teachers, parent co-ops where money is exchanged, YMCA early childhood and after school program caregivers, in home daycare providers and parent volunteers who care for and supervise children. A personal belief exemption for the flu vaccine is allowed but it is unclear at the time of this writing if the personal belief exemption will be allowed past the first year of employment. Medical exemptions for all three of the mandated vaccines include titer testing, pregnancy contraindicated for MMR. Pre-pregnancy, lactation, pregnancy, infertility and autoimmune diseases are all considerations for medical exemption for the TDaP & MMR vaccines.*