



*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*  
**Secretariat for Catholic Schools**  
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To Whom It May Concern

**The TCCED policy** regulating Immunization Requirements is applicable to all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and states the following:

“Every student enrolled in a Catholic School in the State of Texas shall be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

A student who fails to present the required evidence shall not be accepted for enrollment. The **only exception** to the foregoing requirement is a medical exemption signed by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O) authorized to practice in the State of Texas, including the physicians license number.”

**The statement from Rome** regarding the use of Immunization Vaccines:

“Immunizations are not in conflict with the Catholic faith. When nothing else is available, as is the case currently in the U.S., Catholics may use these vaccines. The moral principle that applies in these cases is that of remote materials passive (not active) cooperation with evil.” These vaccines deter rampant outbursts of viral disease in the population. Immunizations are not in conflict with the Catholic Faith.

**Statement from Texas Attorney General:**

“Conscientious objections or waivers, which may be permissible for attendance in public schools, **do not qualify** as an exemption in Catholic Schools in Texas. A private school that does not accept state tax funds is not required to accept for enrollment a child who has received an exemption for the immunizations required by the Texas Health and Safety Code” (Atty. Gen. OP GA-0420)