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Policy Title:	Religious Waiver Stamp	
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<u>Purpose</u>: This policy describes the implementation and use for the signature stamp for the State Health Officer's signature for use on religious waiver forms. All medical waivers will continue to go to the State Health Officer for review and signature. Waivers will be processed according to WDH Immunization Program Administrative Rules and Regulations, Chapter 3: Mandatory Immunizations for Children Attending Schools and Child Caring Facilities.

### Policy:

### 1. Stamp Creation

a. In order to create the stamp, a blank, unlined piece of paper needs to be signed three times in black ink. This paper is then uploaded to a vendor that creates stamps. This stamp must be purchased in blue ink.

### 2. Stamp Storage

a. The stamp shall be stored securely in a locked drawer at all times when not in use. Information about the location of this stamp shall be restricted to the State Health Officer, the Community Health Section Chief, the Immunization Unit Manager, and the authorized user of the stamp.

### 3. Stamp Use

- a. The stamp shall be used only to sign religious waiver forms.
  - i. In consultation with the Senior Assistant Attorney General, a stamp of the State Health Officer's signature used by a designated employee is an approved way to sign religious waivers. As per W.S. § 21-4-309, "Waivers shall be authorized by the State or County Health Officer upon submission of written evidence of religious objection or medical contraindication to the administration of any vaccine."

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# Forms:

Religious Waiver Form

## References:

Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-309

WDH Immunization Program Administrative Rules and Regulations-Chapter 3:Mandatory Immunizations for Children Attending Schools and Child Caring Facilities