

## What you should know:

Each state in the United States has different vaccine laws.

Vaccine laws in each state are measured by something called exemptions. Exemptions are ways to opt-out of vaccinations and vaccine requirements for students in school. This is now more important than ever since the covid vaccination has been added to the childhood vaccine schedule. While some private schools may not care about vaccine exemptions or requirements, this is not a guarantee. State laws are a way to really know which states will be good for medical freedom across the board. Since covid restrictions are changing constantly, I suggest going to state government websites and other sources to see what restrictions are currently in place. To find out more about what types of homeschooling are allowed in the state you are looking at, go to the HSLDA website (Homeschool Legal Defense Association). Currently every state with vaccine mandates for schools has no requirements for homeschoolers.

## Vaccine Exemption Types

**Medical Exemptions:** This is an exemption from vaccines for medical reasons. 6 states only allow medical exemptions, effectively making these states having mandatory/compulsory vaccinations, similar to what you may see in countries like France.

**Religious exemptions:** This is an exemption from vaccines for religious reasons. States with just medical and religious exemptions vary in how strict their religious exemptions are. In some states, you have to say what religion you practice to get an exemption, whereas in other states usually in the south such as Florida where it's codified by law, Georgia, and South Carolina, they tend to not ask you about your private religious beliefs at all, making it very similar to a personal exemption.

**Personal/Philosophical Exemptions:** This is an exemption from vaccines for an ethical, moral, personal, philosophical, or other reason/belief. Only 15 states allow and list these exemptions. This effectively makes vaccinations completely consensual. States with three exemptions also adhere similarly to federal law, which states that you cannot discriminate against an applicant (students can be applicants), and employees for any ethical or moral belief along with religious beliefs.

<https://www.eeoc.gov/religious-discrimination>

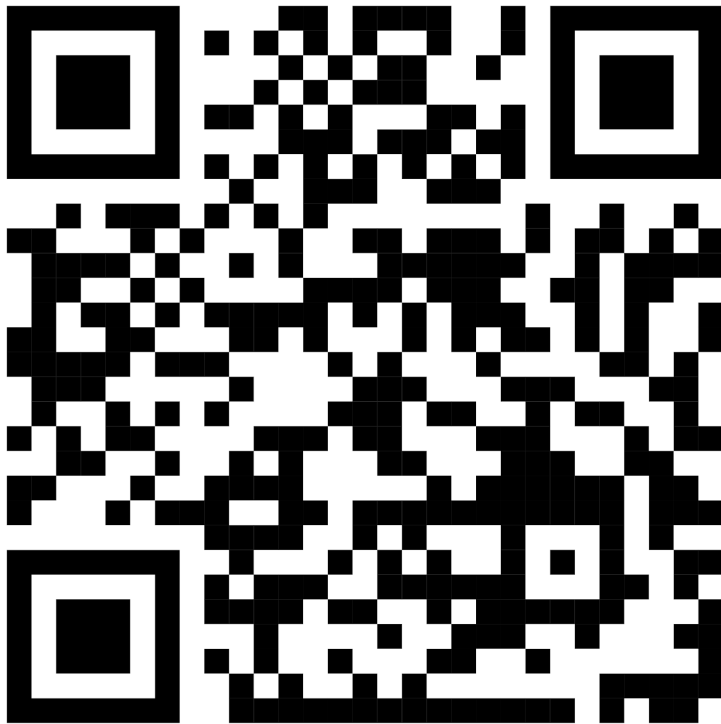
# National Vaccine Information Center

This website shows vaccine laws and exemptions  
in each state



# Homeschool Legal Defense Association

This website shows vaccine laws in each  
state for homeschoolers



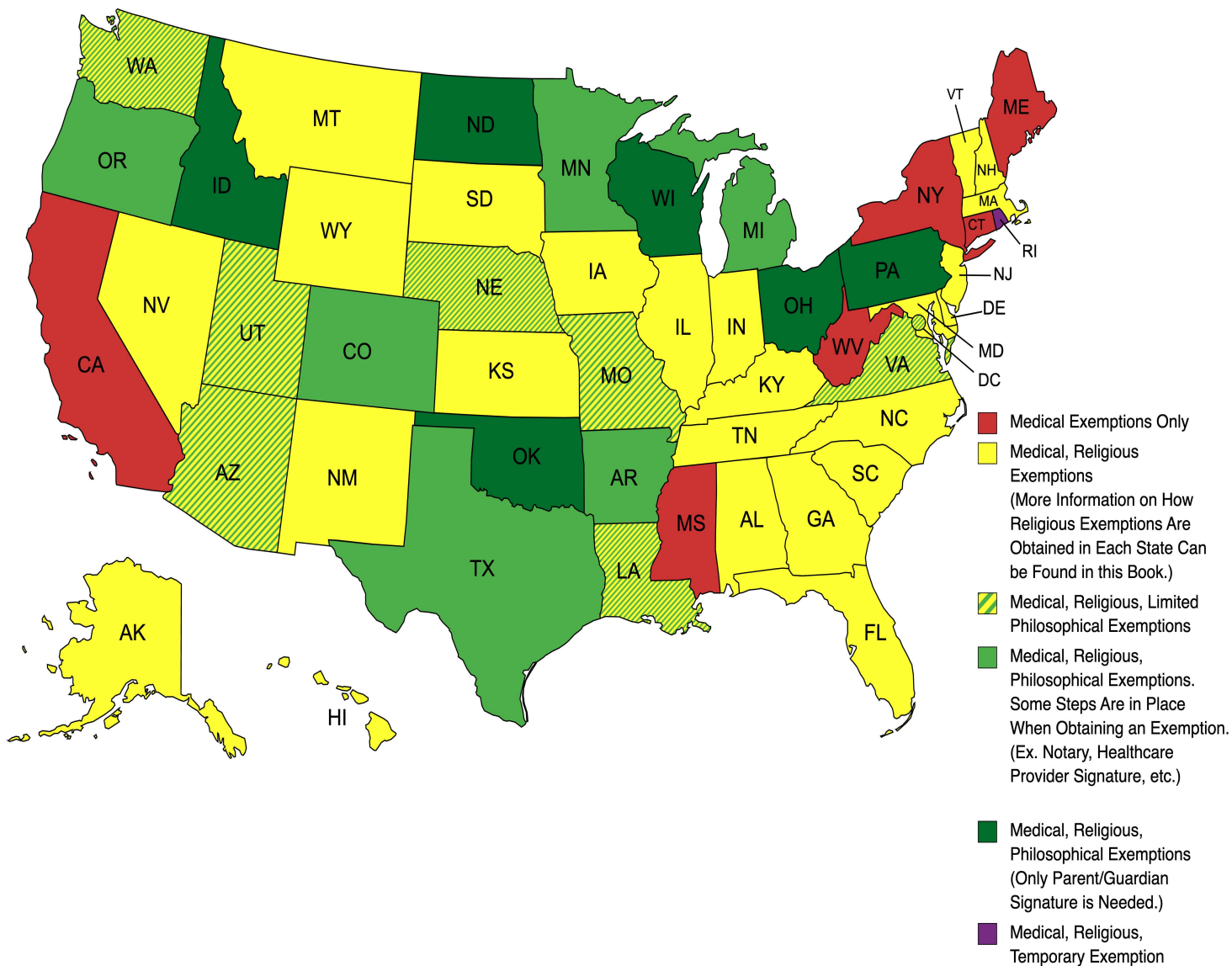


This map shows vaccine laws for school attendance in each state. This is the main place where vaccine rules apply in the US outside of covid restrictions, such as mask mandates and covid requirements for some jobs, which are constantly changing.

Vaccine exemption laws are much more consistent.

#### Additional Information:

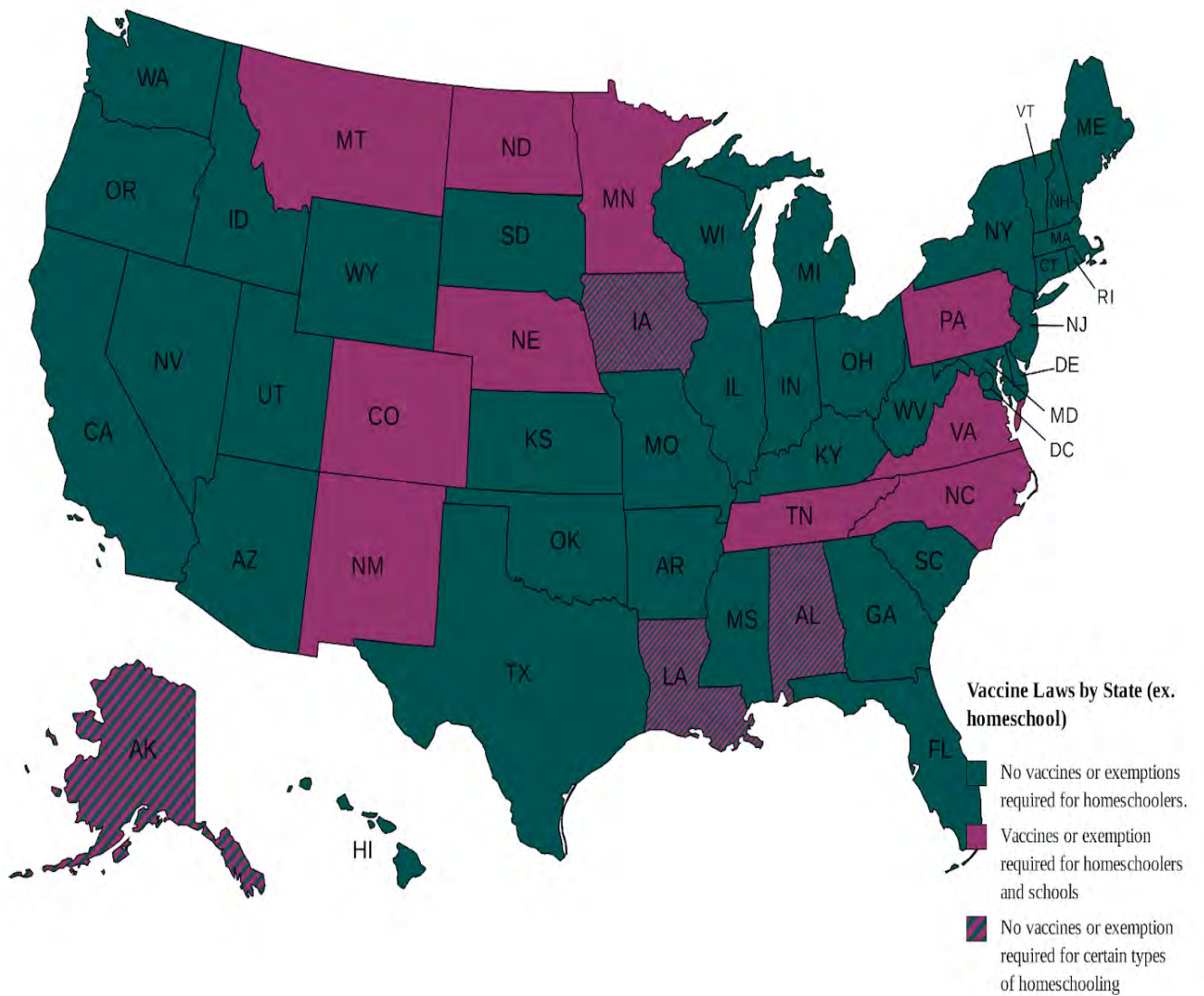
Many states apply the same rules for colleges, while other states do not have the same rules regarding colleges. Check with the college you are interested in attending. National Vaccine Information Center also has useful information.



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This map shows vaccine rules for homeschoolers and whether the state requires vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers, if the state partially requires vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers, or if the state does not require vaccines at all for homeschoolers. If you choose to homeschool, it gives you many more states to choose from, since most states do not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers. Only ten states do for all homeschoolers, and of those states, four of them allow philosophical exemptions for homeschoolers and school students.

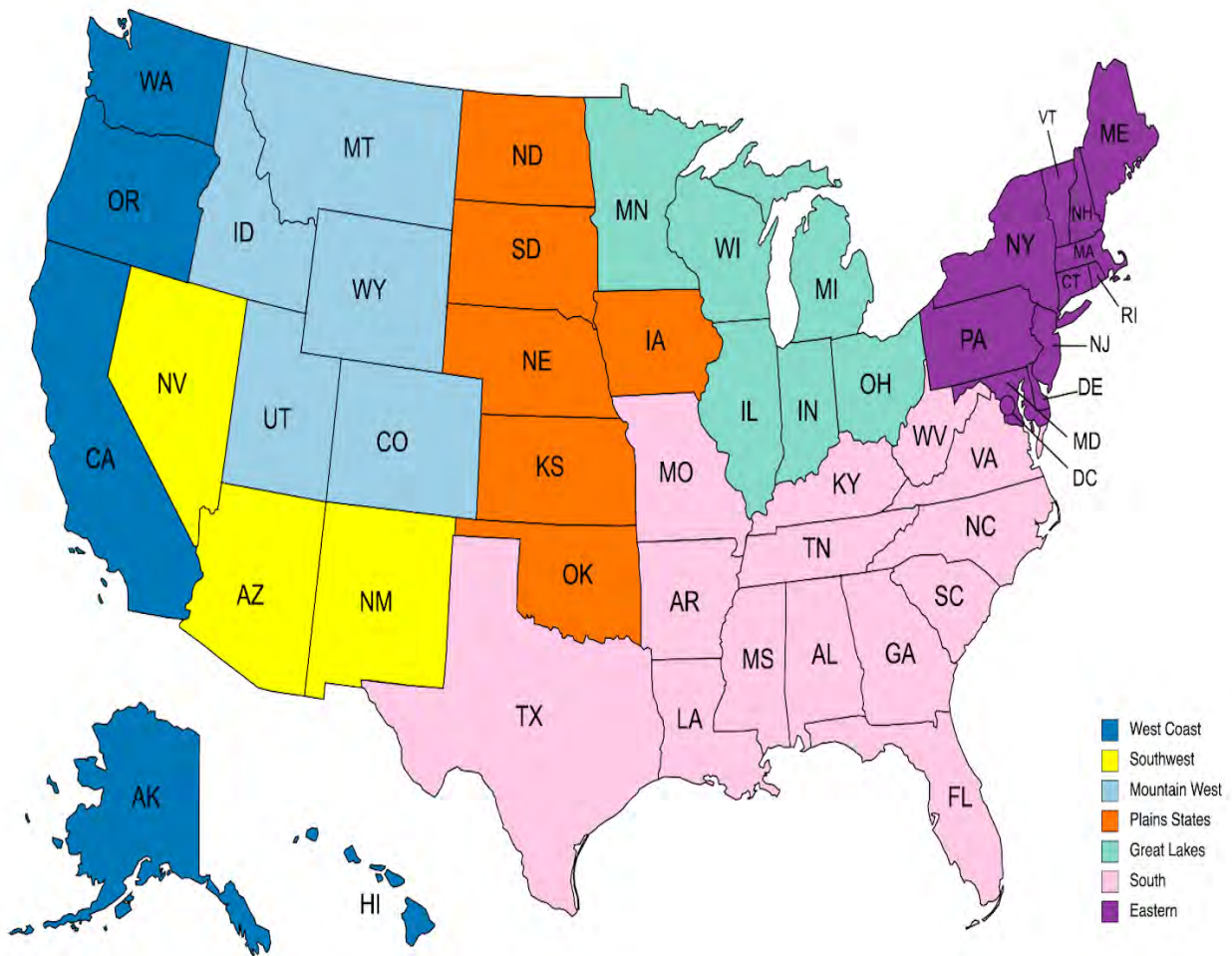


## What About Nonmedical Vaccine Exemptions?

Nonmedical vaccine exemptions are usually one exemption that allows you to opt-out of vaccinations for religious or philosophical reasons instead of having two separate exemptions. There are good things about nonmedical exemptions and bad things about nonmedical exemptions. A good thing about them is that it is much harder to restrict specific vaccines to just religious exemptions. This means that if the covid vaccine is added to the same vaccine schedule and is subject to the same rules as other vaccines, it will most likely be part of the nonmedical exemption and not be restricted to just religious beliefs, since religion is not separated from philosophical beliefs and personal convictions with a nonmedical exemption. A good example of this is the difference between Oregon and Washington State. Universities in Oregon that have had covid vaccine requirements for students allow a nonmedical exemption since Oregon law already has this exemption for other vaccines. Washington on the other hand limited the exemption options for the MMR vaccine to just medical and religious exemptions, and many universities in the state are doing the same thing for the covid vaccine. One of the reasons why I think they were able to do this more easily is because religious and philosophical exemptions are separated. However, this is not always the case with states that separate religious and philosophical exemptions. One of the bad things about nonmedical exemptions is that in some states where they are implemented they are used to try to make obtaining an exemption more complicated. This is what happened in Colorado.

## States by Region

This map shows the regions of the United States and the states that make up those regions. Even though vaccine laws vary from state to state, certain regions are better than others as a whole. Most regions of the United States have at least one state that offers a philosophical vaccine exemption. The notable exceptions are the states on the eastern seaboard that border the Atlantic Ocean, where no philosophical exemptions are allowed. However, there are states in this area that do not ask you about your religious beliefs when obtaining a religious exemption.





# West Coast



The West Coast is a beautiful place with dramatic coastlines, and many different types of regions in itself. Exemption wise, the west coast has fewer states, but some states have better exemption laws than the entire east coast. Palm trees and warmer weather can be found in Southern California and Hawaii, while dense forests can be found on the coasts of the pacific northwest states. There are homeschool options without any vaccine requirements or exemptions in every west coast state.



# California

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical Only

How to Obtain an Exemption

Register in the California Immunization Registry, Doctor Approval.

Very Hard to Get

Religious Information Asked?

No Religious Exemptions in California

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Nicknamed The Golden State, California has varying landscapes from mountains, valleys, and palm trees by the southern california coast. Unless you can get a medical exemption that is extremely hard to get, Homeschooling is the only option for medical freedom living.

Useful Information:

Homeschooling in California:



# Oregon

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Nonmedical (Religious, Philosophical)

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Healthcare Practitioner or  
Vaccine Education Module for Nonmedical Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No



## About the State

Oregon is a state in the pacific northwest region of the United States, having coastal forests and beaches, mountains, valleys, and dry deserts to the east. Overcast weather is also common, especially in the western part of the state. Since Oregon allows philosophical vaccine exemptions for school students and has no requirements for homeschoolers, this is probably the best state on the west coast to go to.

### Useful Information:

Oregonians for Medical Freedom    Additional Exemption Info:







Mt. Hood



Multnomah Falls



Cannon Beach



Eastern Oregon



# Washington State

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical (Not for MMR Vaccine)

How to Obtain an Exemption

Healthcare Provider for Medical Exemption, Religious Exemption, and Philosophical Exemption.

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No

# WASHINGTON

## POPULATED PLACES

- 500,000 – 999,999 ○ Seattle
- 100,000 – 499,999 ○ Spokane
- 25,000 – 99,999 ○ Walla Walla
- 24,999 and less ○ Aberdeen
- State capital ★ Olympia
- Urban areas

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway
- Other principal highway
- Railroad
- Ferry
- Airport

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams: perennial; intermittent
- Lakes
- Highest elevation in state (feet) ▲ 14417
- Other elevations (feet) ▲ 12281

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CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA



# About the State

Washington is a state in the pacific northwest region of the United States, having coastal forests and beaches, rainforests, islands, mountains, and valleys. Overcast weather is also common, especially in the western part of the state. Since Washington allows philosophical vaccine exemptions for most vaccines and does not usually ask you about your religious beliefs when obtaining a religious exemption and no vaccines or exemptions are required for homeschoolers, this is a pretty good option on the west coast.

Additional Exemption Information:







The Seattle and Puget Sound region is a beautiful area in the state, with islands and greenery.



The Washington Coast is home to dense forests and is sparsely populated.



Mt. Rainer



Eastern Washington is home to cities like Spokane.

# Alaska

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain Exemption

Licensed MD, DO, ANP, PA for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No, but the form explicitly states that philosophical exemptions aren't allowed. Evidence of using the form as a philosophical exemption may make religious exemption invalid.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No, unless homeschooling as a religious private school





# About the State

America's biggest state has a lot to offer. From mountains and glaciers to rainforests in the southeastern part of the state, Alaska is one of a kind. Because only medical and religious vaccine exemptions are allowed and there are limited homeschool options where vaccines or exemptions are not required, (vaccines or exemptions are required if you are homeschooling with a religious private school), Alaska is more limited when it comes to medical freedom.



Anchorage





Homer



Ketchikan

# Hawaii

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption:

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian and Notary

Signature for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

The Religious Exemption Form does not require a summary of objections, but states that Philosophical Exemptions are not allowed and that objections to specific vaccines will not be granted.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Hawaii is a tropical state composed of islands and has warm weather, beautiful tropical beaches, and mountains. With only medical and religious vaccine exemptions but also not requiring vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers, it is a better option than Alaska and California.



Lahaina, Maui





Honolulu



Maui

# Mountain West



The Mountain West is a region that comprises the mountainous inland region of the west. Skiing, mountain living, and many other activities are plentiful in these states. Medical freedom living opportunities vary by state. More states in this region apply the same rules for homeschoolers as they do for students attending schools than west coast states. However, there are more states with philosophical exemptions in this region than on the west coast.

# Colorado

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Nonmedical (Religious, Philosophical)

How to Obtain an Exemption

MD, DO, APN, or Physician's Assistant for Medical Exemption,

MD, DO, APN, RN, or Pharmacist for Nonmedical Exemption

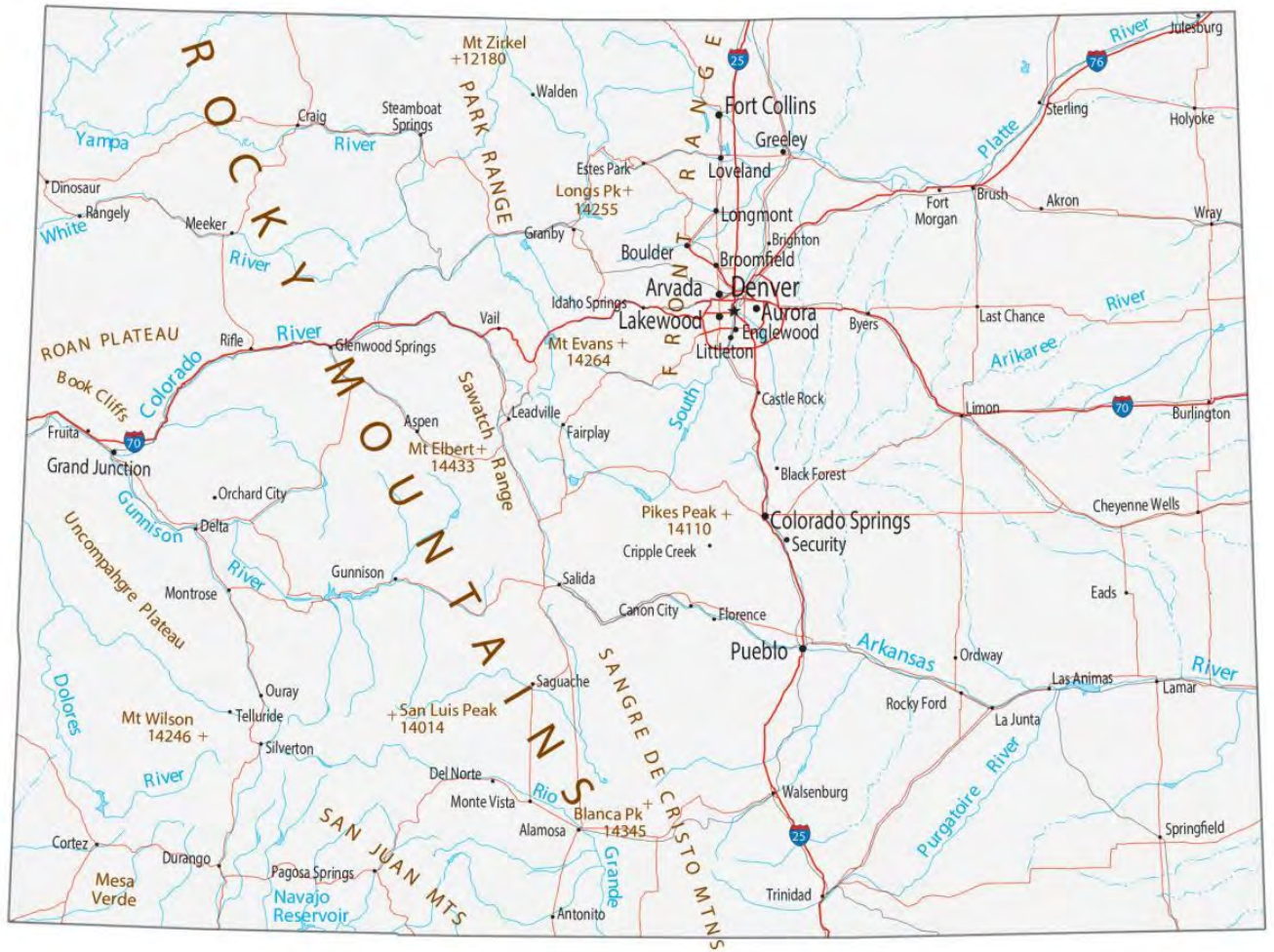
Religious Information Asked?

The nonmedical exemption form does not ask about religious beliefs.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

Yes







## About the State

Colorado is a state where there are mountains and plains. There are more people that live in Colorado than any other mountain west state. Most people live on what's called the front range, where the mountains meet the plains. Skiing and mountain biking are popular activities. Since Colorado allows Medical and Nonmedical exemptions (Religious, Philosophical) but requires a healthcare provider's signature and the rules according to HSLDA apply for homeschoolers, Colorado is good for medical freedom but it is not the best state in the region.



My home in Louisville



Vail



Denver



Eastern Colorado

# Wyoming

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Parent/Guardian Signature, County or State Health Officer for  
Medical Exemption, Religious Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No







# WYOMING



## POPULATED PLACES

- 25,000 - 99,999 • Casper
- 24,999 and less • Medicine Bow
- State capital ★ Cheyenne

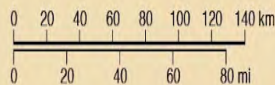
## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate, limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 
- Ferry 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams: perennial; intermittent 
- Lakes: perennial; intermittent 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +13804
- Other elevations (feet) +13770
- The lowest elevation in Wyoming is 3099 feet above sea level (Belle Fourche River).

IDAHO



UTAH

COLORADO

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# About This State

Wyoming is a sparsely populated mountain west state. It has the least amount of people in the whole United States. It is home to Yellowstone Natl. Park and Grand Teton Natl. Park. Since Wyoming has only Medical and Religious Exemptions but does not require vaccines or an exemption for homeschoolers, it is better than states like Montana but worse than Colorado.



Jackson Hole, Wyoming



Cheyenne



Eastern Wyoming

# Idaho

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious, Philosophical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No. Some exemption forms may require a summary of objections for a philosophical exemption, but the form found on Idaho's official website does not.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No





# About This State

Idaho is a mountainous state that borders Canada. It is home to lakes, skiing, and the capital of Boise. Since Idaho has philosophical exemptions and no vaccines or exemptions are required for homeschoolers, this could very well be the best mountain west state to go to.



Boise





Coeur d'alene



Sun Valley



Mccall



Southern Idaho

# Montana

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Healthcare Provider for Medical Provider, Notary for  
Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No, but claiming one based on a nonreligious reason is crime  
and you could be subject to jail time.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

Yes





# About This State

Montana is a state with mountains and plains. Skiing, mountain biking and farming are part of the state's culture. However, Montana may be the worst state to go to for medical freedom in the mountain west since they only allow Medical and Religious Exemptions with perjury and jail time being possible if you use the exemption form for nonreligious belief, and the same rules also apply for homeschoolers.



Bozeman





Missoula



Billings

# Utah

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical (Not for MMR Vaccine)

How to Obtain an Exemption

Healthcare Provider for Medical Exemption, Religious Exemption, and Philosophical Exemption.

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No






# UTAH



## POPULATED PLACES

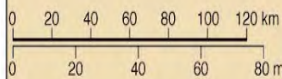
- 100,000 - 499,999 • West Valley City
- 25,000 - 99,999 • St George
- 24,999 and less • Moab
- State capital ★ Salt Lake City

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams: perennial; intermittent 
- Lakes: perennial; intermittent 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +13,528
- Other elevations (feet) +10,388
- The lowest elevation in Utah is 2000 feet above sea level (Beaver Dam Wash).



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# About This State

Utah is a state with rock formations, mountains, and the Great Salt Lake. Since Utah allows philosophical exemptions for most vaccines and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers, Utah is a pretty good option in the mountain west.



Salt Lake City





Zion Natl. Park



Park City



# The Southwest



The southwest region of the United States is home to deserts, mountains, and warmer weather and Mexican culture in the border states. Exemption wise, the southwest is more limited for medical freedom living than other regions in the west since only one state in this region has a philosophical exemption (if you are not counting the western desert region of Texas in the southern region), and the exemption in the state is not allowed for preschoolers. Most states in the southwestern region do not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers.

# Arizona

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical for  
K-12 Schooling, Not Available for Preschool

How to Obtain Exemption

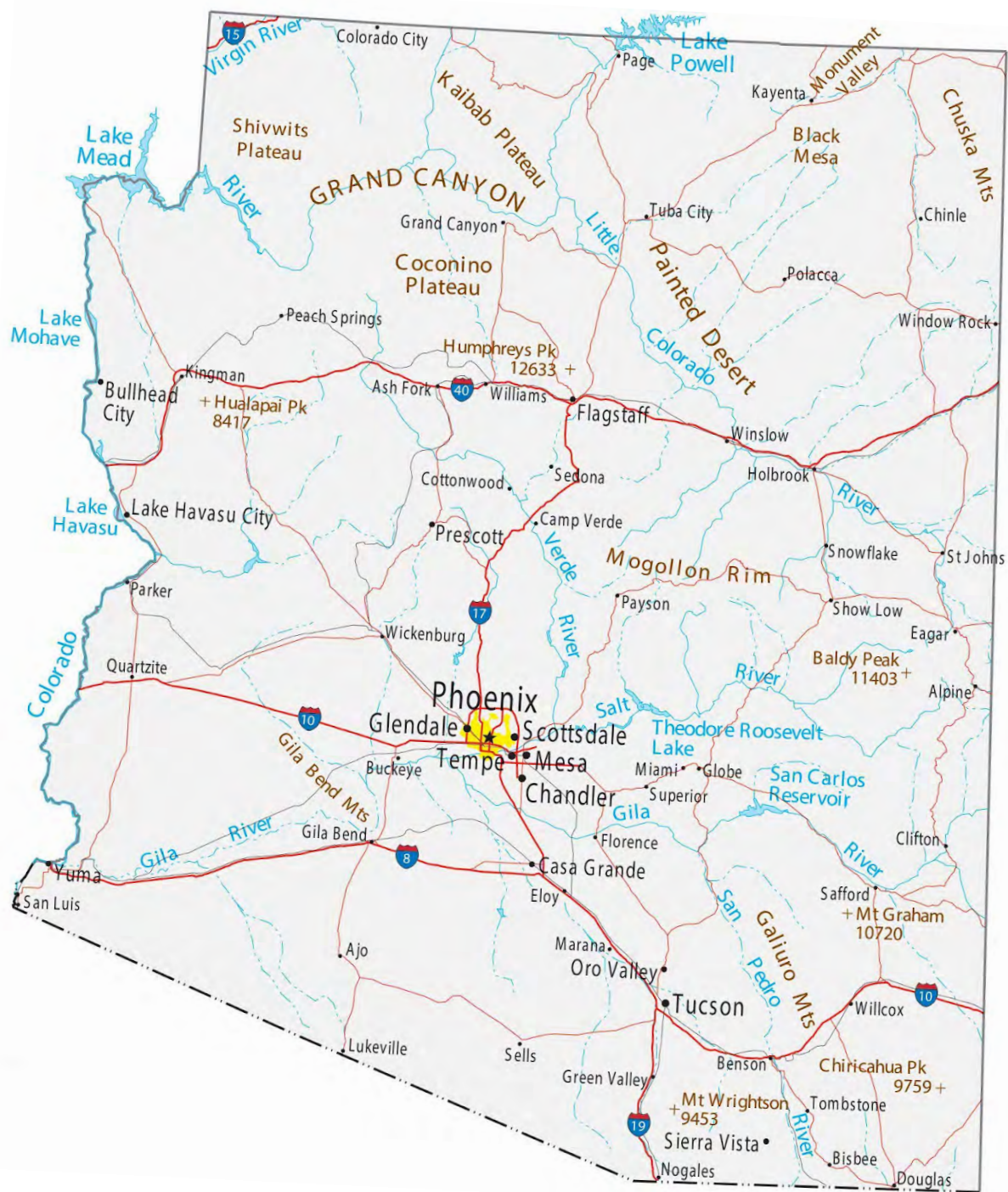
Physician or Nurse Practitioner for Medical Exemption, Parent or  
Guardian for Religious Exemption, Philosophical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No summary of religious objections is asked on the Religious  
Exemption Form

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Arizona is a border state in the southwestern region of the United States. It is home to deserts, mountains, and it gets pretty hot in a lot of the state. The state allows philosophical vaccine exemptions for students with the notable exception for preschoolers, where only medical and religious exemptions are allowed. Vaccines or an exemption are not required for homeschoolers.



Phoenix





Tucson



Grand Canyon Natl. Park

# New Mexico

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

MD, DO for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

Yes

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

Yes



# About the State

New Mexico is a southwestern state that is home to deserts and the southern portion of the rocky mountains. With only Medical and Religious Exemptions and the fact that vaccines or exemptions are also required for homeschoolers make New Mexico the least friendly state for medical freedom in this region.



## Albuquerque



## Taos



# Nevada

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

MD, DO, or APRN for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian  
Signature and School Nurse or Designee Signature for Religious  
Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No

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# About the State

Nevada is a state that is home to deserts, big cities like Las Vegas, and skiing near the California border. With only Medical and Religious Exemptions and the fact that the state does not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers makes Nevada better than states like New Mexico but worse than states like Arizona. A great thing about Nevada is that you could live in towns like Reno and only be around three hours away from cities like San Francisco in California.



Las Vegas





The Desert



Reno



# Great Plains



The great plains states are states around the center of the country and mostly far away from the coasts. Farming, ranching, and quaint towns and cities can be found in this region. Medical freedom wise, A lot of the great plains states are more strict with vaccine exemptions, with only two states having a philosophical exemption out of the five states in the region. However, a lot of the great plains states do not ask you about your religious beliefs, and there are more states that do not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers than states that do.

# North Dakota

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious, Philosophical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

Yes

Continental Divide

MINNESOTA

CANADA

MISSOURI

# NORTH DAKOTA

FOUNDED PLACES

1858-1860 1861-1870

1871-1880 1881-1890

1891-1900 1901-1910

1911-1920 1921-1930

1931-1940 1941-1950

1951-1960 1961-1970

1971-1980 1981-1990

1991-2000 2001-2010

2011-2020 2021-2030

2031-2040 2041-2050

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# About the State

North Dakota is a state in the great plains region of the United States. It is home to badlands and rock formations to the west, lakes and rivers across the state, and the cities of Fargo and Bismarck. Having vaccines or exemptions required for homeschoolers but also having philosophical vaccine exemptions available makes North Dakota a pretty good state to live in the great plains region for medical freedom living.



Fargo





Bismarck



Medora



Devil's Lake



Scenic Byway

# South Dakota

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No



MONTANA




NORTH DAKOTA

## SOUTH DAKOTA



### POPULATED PLACES

100,000 – 499,999 • Sioux Falls  
25,000 – 99,999 • Rapid City  
24,999 and less • Pine Ridge  
State capital ★ Pierre

### TRANSPORTATION

Interstate, limited access highway   
Other principal highway   
Railroad 

### PHYSICAL FEATURES

Streams: perennial; intermittent   
Lakes   
Highest elevation in state (feet) +7242  
Other elevations (feet) +5725

The lowest elevation in South Dakota is 966 feet above sea level (Big Stone Lake).

WYOMING



NEBRASKA



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# About the State

South Dakota is a state in the great plains region of the United States that is home to the black hills and part of the Missouri River. Medical and Religious Exemptions are available and no vaccines or exemptions are required for homeschoolers.



Rapid City



Farm in the great plains



Sioux Falls

# Nebraska

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Parental Refusal  
Only for Childcare

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse  
for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption, Written  
Statement for Parental Refusal

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

Yes



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SOUTH DAKOTA

MINNESOTA





# About the State

Nebraska is a state in the great plains region of the United States that is home to cities like Omaha and Lincoln, and lakes and farms. Since Nebraska only has Medical and Religious Exemptions that affect school students and homeschoolers, Nebraska is the least friendly state in the great plains region for medical freedom living.



Omaha



Kearney



Lincoln

# Kansas

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain a Exemption

Healthcare Provider for Medical Exemption, Unclear how to file a Religious Exemption. I could not find the form online.

Religious Information Asked?

Unclear. A new bill has been introduced that would not ask you about your religious beliefs.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No






# KANSAS



## POPULATED PLACES

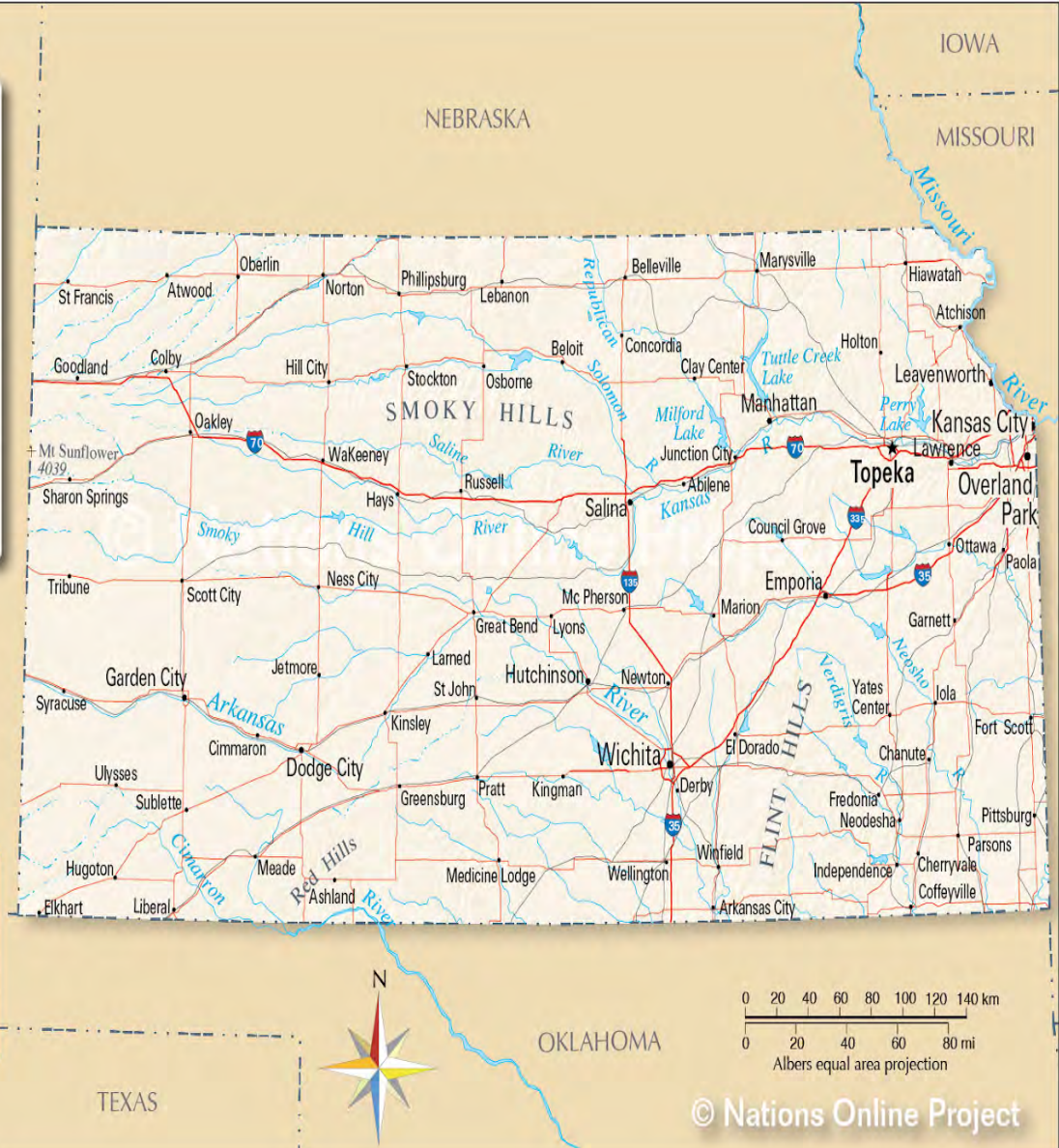
- 100,000 – 499,999 • Kansas City
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Dodge City
- 24,999 and less • Liberal
- State capital ★ Topeka

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate, limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams: perennial, intermittent 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +4039
- The lowest elevation in Kansas is 679 feet above sea level (Verdigris River).





# About the State

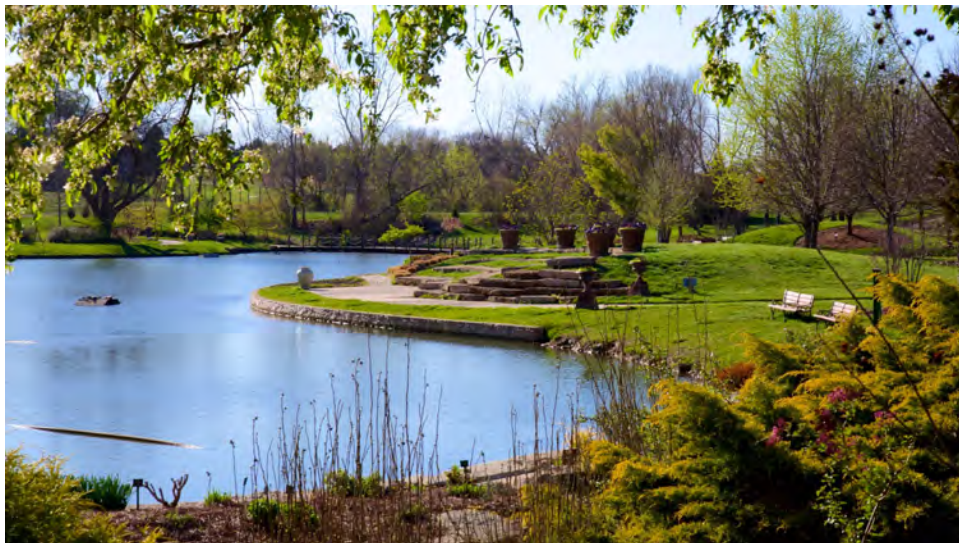
The sunflower state is home to a lot of farmland and agriculture. Medical and Religious Exemptions are allowed and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Wichita



Hays



Overland Park

# Oklahoma

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious, Philosophical

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

Oklahoma is a state in the great plains region of the United States. It is home to mountains (forested large hills), lakes, plains, and Native American culture. Medical, religious and philosophical exemptions are allowed and vaccines or an exemption are not required for homeschoolers. This is probably the best option in the great plains region for medical freedom living.



Oklahoma City



Mountains



The Panhandle





Tulsa



Farm on the Great Plains

# Iowa

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain a Exemption

Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant for Medical  
Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No, but states that it can not be used based on a philosophical  
reason, scientific reason, or medical opposition. Sorry scientists,  
doctors, and researchers.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

Yes, Unless You Homeschool by Independent Private Instruction  
or Homeschool by Opt-Out.







# About the State

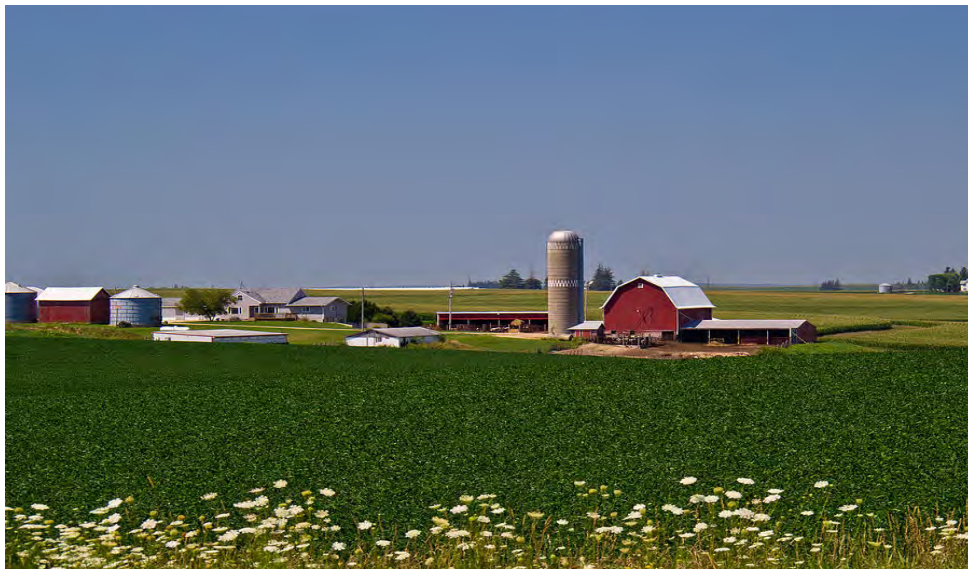
Iowa is a state in the great plains region of the United States. It is home to towns like Iowa City and Des Moines. Exemption wise, Iowa allows only Medical and Religious Exemptions and vaccines or exemptions are required unless you homeschool by independent private instruction or homeschool by opt-out.



Iowa City



Des Moines



Farm on the great plains



# Great Lakes



The Great Lakes Region is a region that is home to forests, lakes, great lakes, and very distinct seasons. Medical freedom wise, this is probably the best region as a whole for medical freedom in the United States. Four out of six states in this region allow philosophical vaccine exemptions and the one state that does require vaccines for homeschoolers allows philosophical vaccine exemptions.



Minnesota

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Nonmedical (Religious,  
Philosophical)

How to Obtain Exemption

Health Care Practitioner for Medical Exemption, Notary for  
Nonmedical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

Yes



# About the State

The land of ten thousand lakes is home to forests, lake superior shoreline, and the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Vaccines or exemptions are required for school students and homeschoolers with Medical and Nonmedical vaccine exemptions available (religious, philosophical).

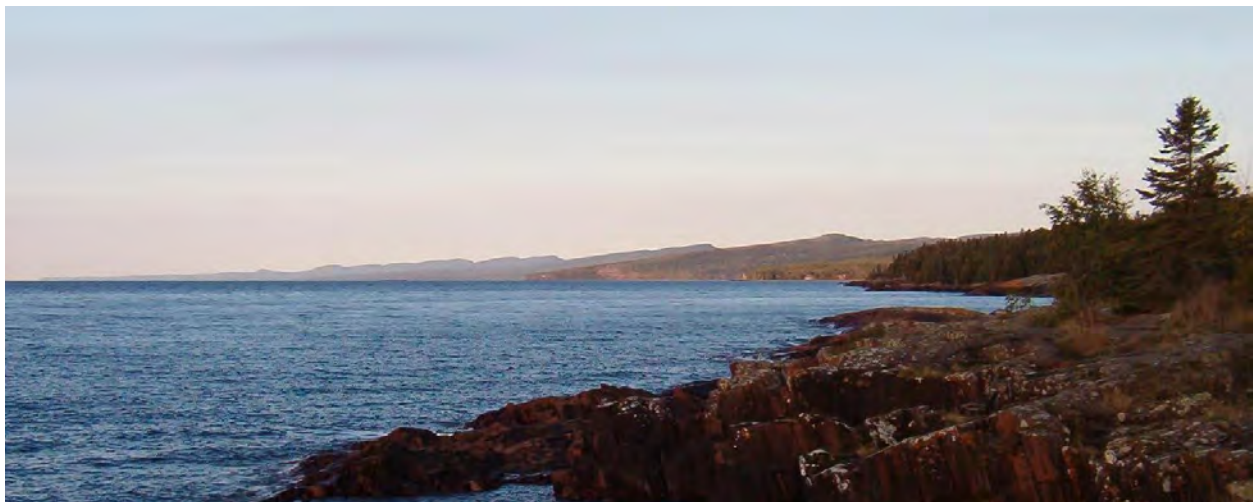


Minneapolis





Split Rock Lighthouse



Sawtooth Mountains



Bemidji



Scenic Drive

# Wisconsin

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious, Philosophical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

America's dairyland is an amazing state even if you are lactose intolerant. Wisconsin is home to peninsulas on Lake Michigan that remind people of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, cities like Madison and Green Bay, and tons of lakes.

Offering philosophical vaccine exemptions that are easy to get and the fact that vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers make Wisconsin one of the best states in the great lakes region for medical freedom living.



Door County









Farm



Apostle Islands

Michigan

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Local Health

Department “Vaccine Education” Administered. Michigan

Dept. of Health has been called out by organizations such as

ICAN.

Religious Information Asked?

No information is solicited that I could find when going to the health dept.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

Michigan has more shoreline on the great lakes than any other state. The state is home to college towns, hiking trails, charming towns, and the upper peninsula. Medical, Religious, and Philosophical Exemptions are available and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Sleeping Bear Dunes Natl. Lakeshore



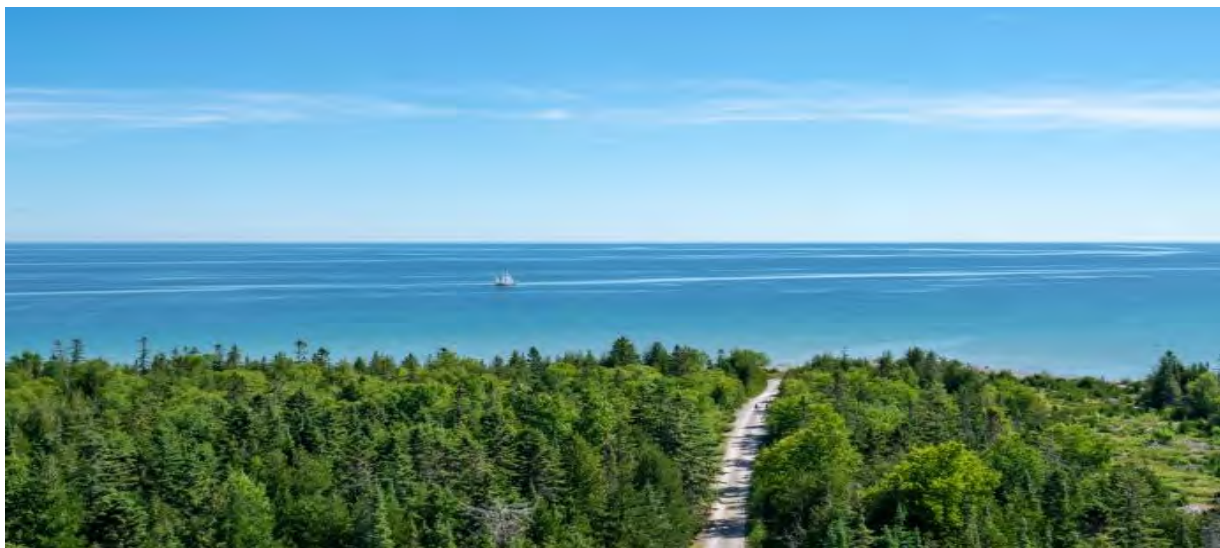
Lansing



Upper Peninsula



Drummond Island



Lake Huron



# Ohio

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Reasons of Conscience  
(Religious, Philosophical)

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Reasons of Conscience Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

Yes

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Ohio is a state in the great lakes region of the United States. It is home to waterfalls, hills, farmland, and borders Lake Erie. Medical and Reasons of Conscience exemptions are available and vaccines or an exemption are not required for homeschoolers.



Waterfall





Lake Erie



Dayton

# Indiana

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain a Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No






# INDIANA



## POPULATED PLACES

- 500,000 – 999,999 • Indianapolis
- 100,000 – 499,999 • Fort Wayne
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Lafayette
- 24,999 and less • Shelbyville
- State capital ★ Indianapolis

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +1257
- The lowest elevation in Indiana is 320 feet above sea level (Ohio River).



ILLINOIS

MICHIGAN

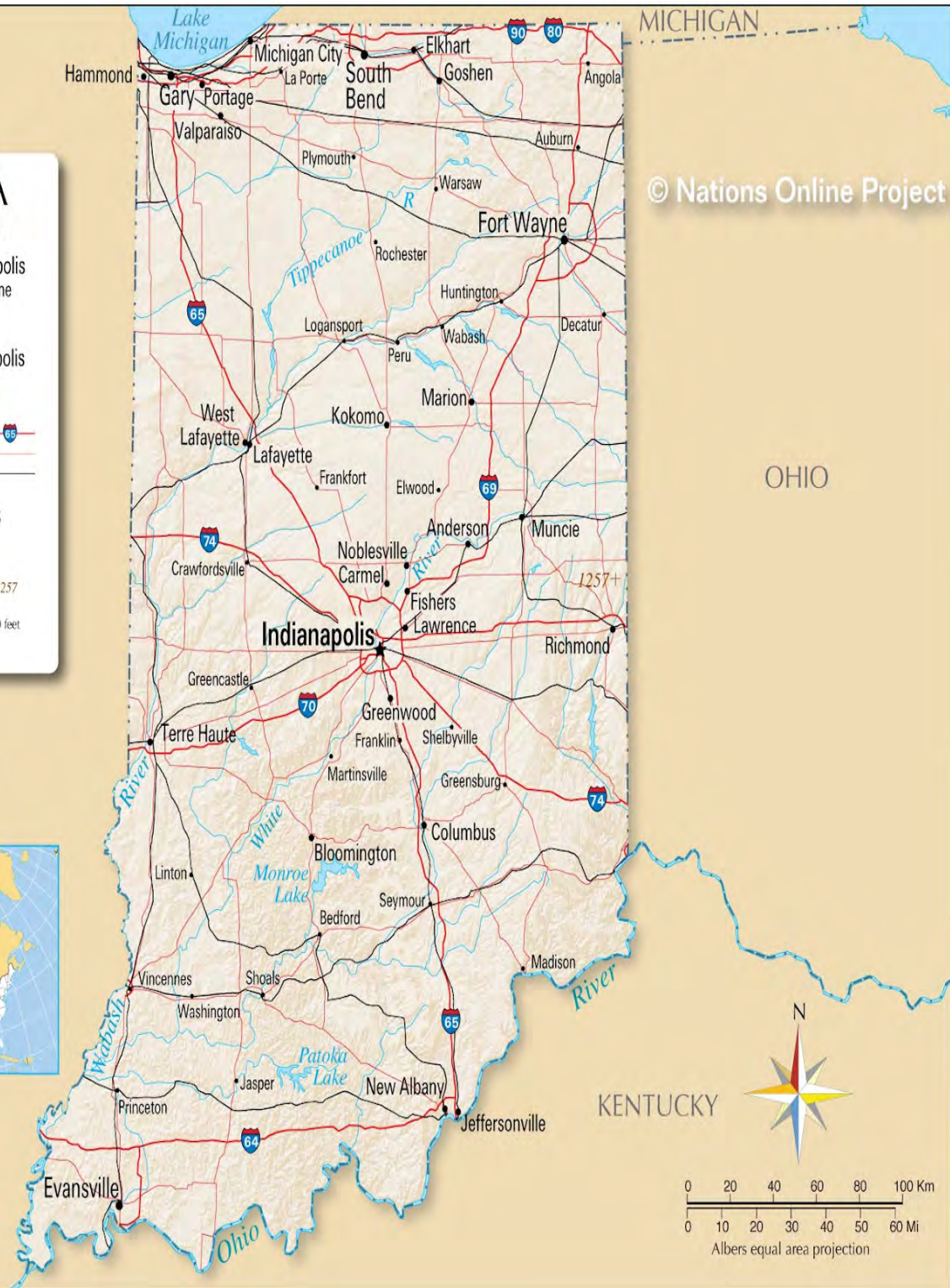
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OHIO

KENTUCKY



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Albers equal area projection





# About the State

Indiana is home to Lake Michigan shoreline, cities like Indianapolis and Bloomington, and farms. With no vaccines or exemptions being required for homeschoolers but only medical and religious exemptions being available for school students makes Indiana more limited for medical freedom living.



Bloomington



Farm



Lake Michigan

# Illinois

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption:

Healthcare Provider for Medical, Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

Yes.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

Illinois is home to farms and cities like Chicago. With vaccines or exemptions not being required for homeschoolers but only having medical and religious exemptions that are hard to get make Illinois the worst state for medical freedom living in this region. However, Illinois is next to Wisconsin which is great for medical freedom. Cities like Milwaukee in the state are only an hour and thirty minutes from Chicago.



Chicago





Springfield



Farms



# The South



The south is a region in the United States that spans from Texas to Virginia and compasses everything in between. The population here tends to be more religious, so many states do not ask you about your beliefs at all when obtaining a religious exemption. Three out of thirteen states in this region allow philosophical exemptions with two other states allowing limited philosophical exemptions. There are more states that do not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers than states that do.

# Texas

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Reasons of Conscience  
(Religious, Philosophical)

How to Obtain an Exemption

MD, DO for Medical Exemption, Notarized Affidavit for Reasons of  
Conscience Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?





No

## TEXAS



## POPULATED PLACES

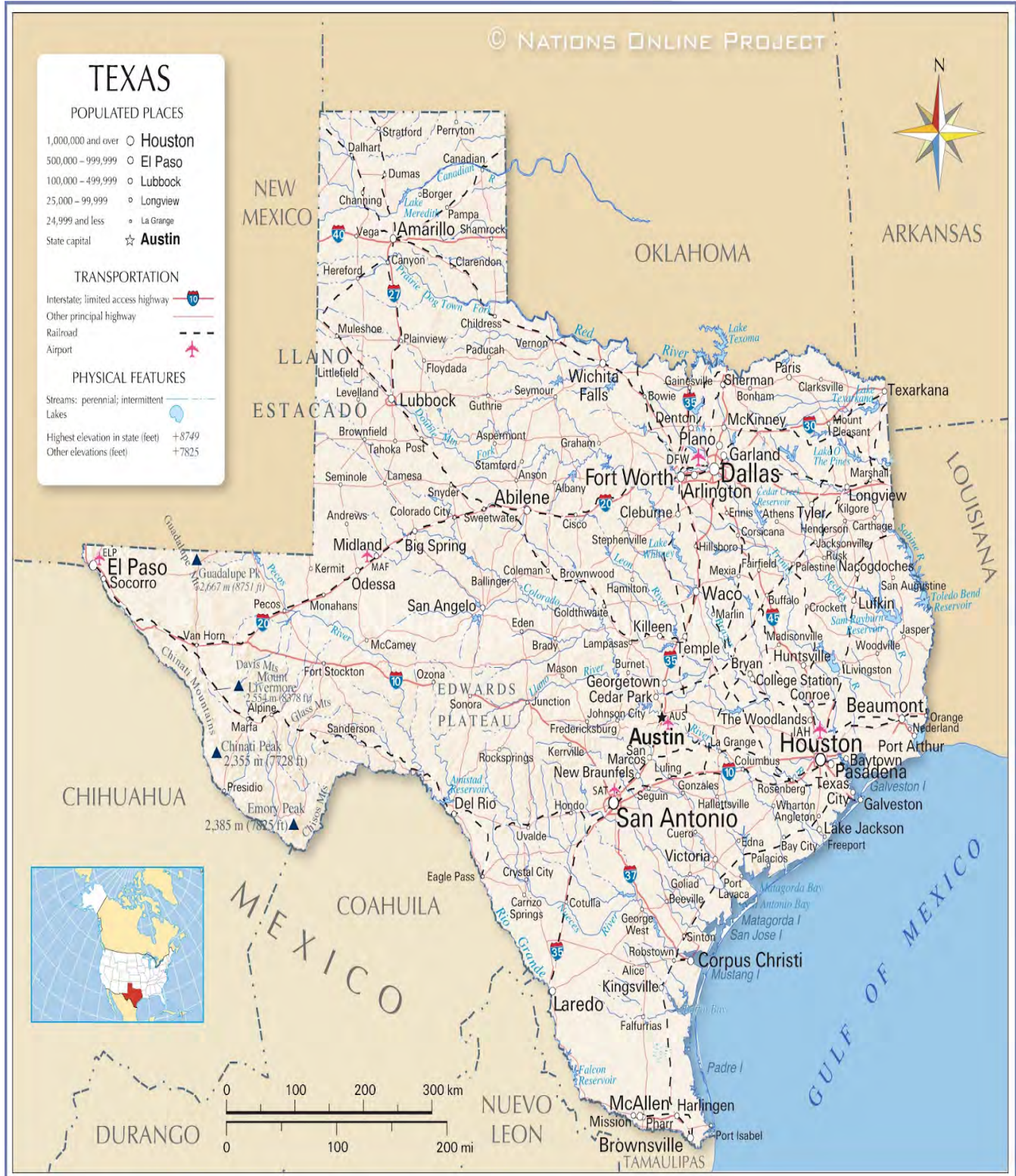
- 1,000,000 and over ○ Houston  
500,000 – 999,999 ○ El Paso  
100,000 – 499,999 ○ Lubbock  
25,000 – 99,999 ○ Longview  
24,999 and less ○ La Grange  
State capital ☆ Austin

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway   
Other principal highway   
Railroad   
Airport 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams: perennial; intermittent   
Lakes   
Highest elevation in state (feet) +8749  
Other elevations (feet) +7825





# About the State

Texas is a state in the south central region of the United States. Texas is home to so many different kinds of landscapes and climates, including the hill country, the coast on the Gulf of Mexico, and the Big Bend Region. Since vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers and Medical and Reasons of Conscience exemptions are available (religious, philosophical), Texas is one of the best options in the south for medical freedom living.



Austin



Galveston



East Texas





Big Bend



El Paso



# Arkansas

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain an Exemption

Healthcare Worker for Medical Exemption, Notary and Education  
Module by the Arkansas Dept. of Health for Religious and  
Philosophical Exemptions

Religious Information Asked?

Unclear

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Arkansas is a state in the southeastern United States. It is home to lush greenery, forests, hilly mountains, and hot springs, all with quintessential southern charm. Vaccines or an exemption are not required for homeschoolers and Medical, Religious, and Philosophical exemptions are available.



Fayetteville





Hot Springs



Ozark Mountains





Lake Ouachita



Norfolk Lake

# Louisiana

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physicians Signature for Medical Exemption,  
Parent/Guardian Signature for Religious, Philosophical  
Exemption. However, there is a rule that seems to fit the  
term of classism that says only Medical and Religious  
Exemptions will be allowed for compliance with regulations  
concerning public assistance recipients.

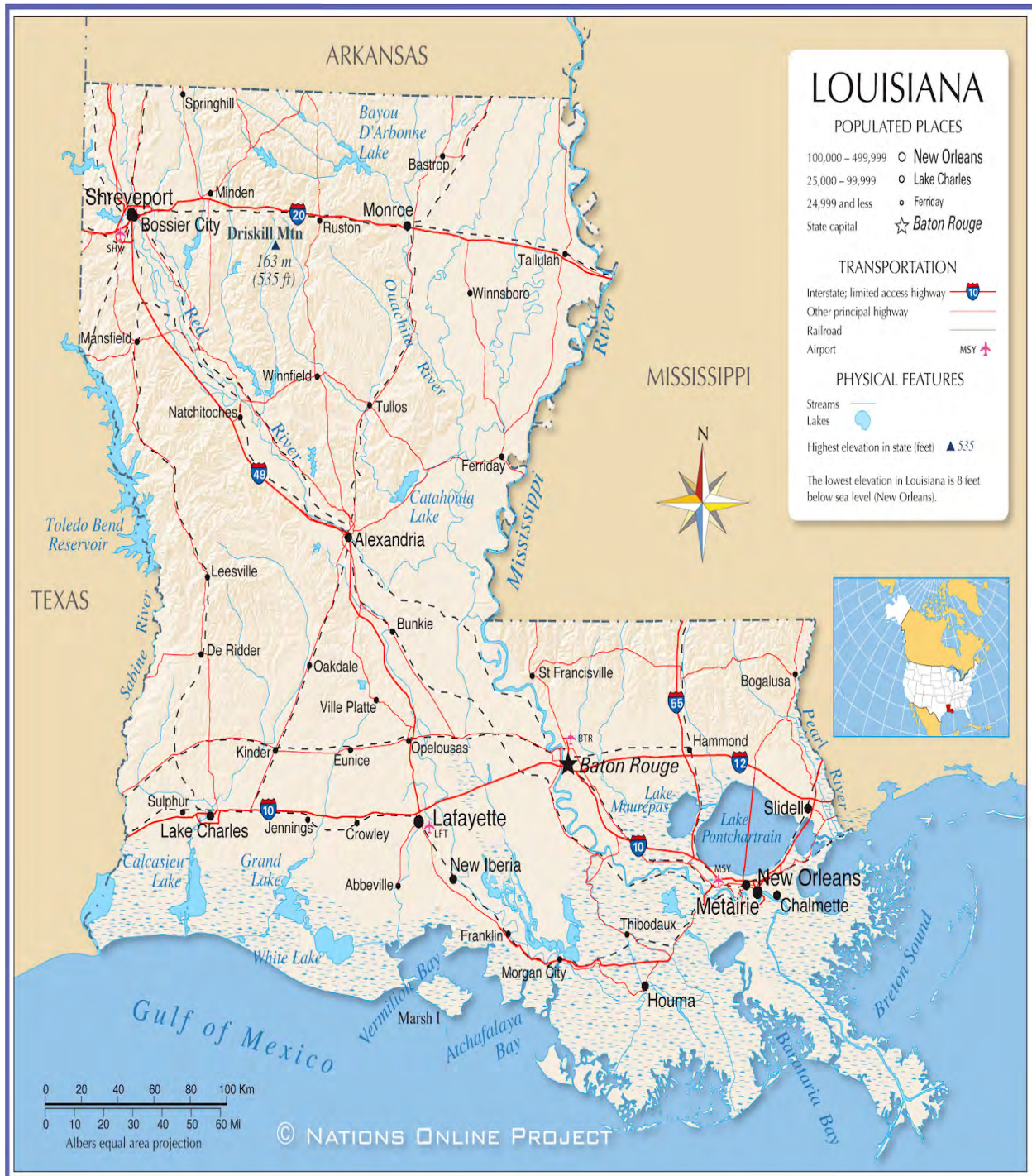
Religious Information Asked?

No religious information is asked on the form.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

Yes if you are homeschooling as a home study program, not if you  
are homeschooling as a home based private school





# About the State

Louisiana is a state in the southern gulf coast Region of the United States. It is home to marshes, the woods, beaches, and New Orleans. Medical, Religious, and Philosophical Exemptions are allowed except if you are a public assistance recipient, where only Medical and Religious Exemptions are allowed. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers unless you are homeschooling as a home study program.



New Orleans





Grand Isle



Countryside





Mount Driskill



Lake

# Missouri

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical only  
for Childcare Facilities

How to Obtain an Exemption

MD, DO for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature  
for Religious Exemption, Written Objection for Philosophical  
Exemption in Childcare

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No







# About the State

Missouri is a midwestern state and a southern state. It is home to great barbecue, college towns like Columbia, and The Ozarks. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers. Medical and Religious Exemptions are allowed. Philosophical Exemptions are only allowed for daycare.



St. Louis



Columbia



Ozarks

# Mississippi

Vaccine Exemption: Medical Only

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician and Local Health Officer for Medical Exemption.

Religious Information Asked?

No Religious Exemption

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschoolers?

No





# About the State

Mississippi is a state in the southern region of the United States that is home to great agriculture, woods, and coastline on the Gulf of Mexico. Unless you can get a medical exemption, Homeschooling is the only option for medical freedom living.



# Alabama

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain Exemption

Licensed Physician for Medical Exemption, County Health  
Department for Religious Exemption

Religion Information Asked?

A written objection is needed.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No, unless student homeschools through private school





# About the State

Alabama is a state in the southern region of the United States. It is home to great history and culture, mountains, and coastline on the Gulf of Mexico. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers unless you homeschool through a private school. Medical and Religious exemptions are available.



Birmingham



Orange Coast



Mountains



# Georgia

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

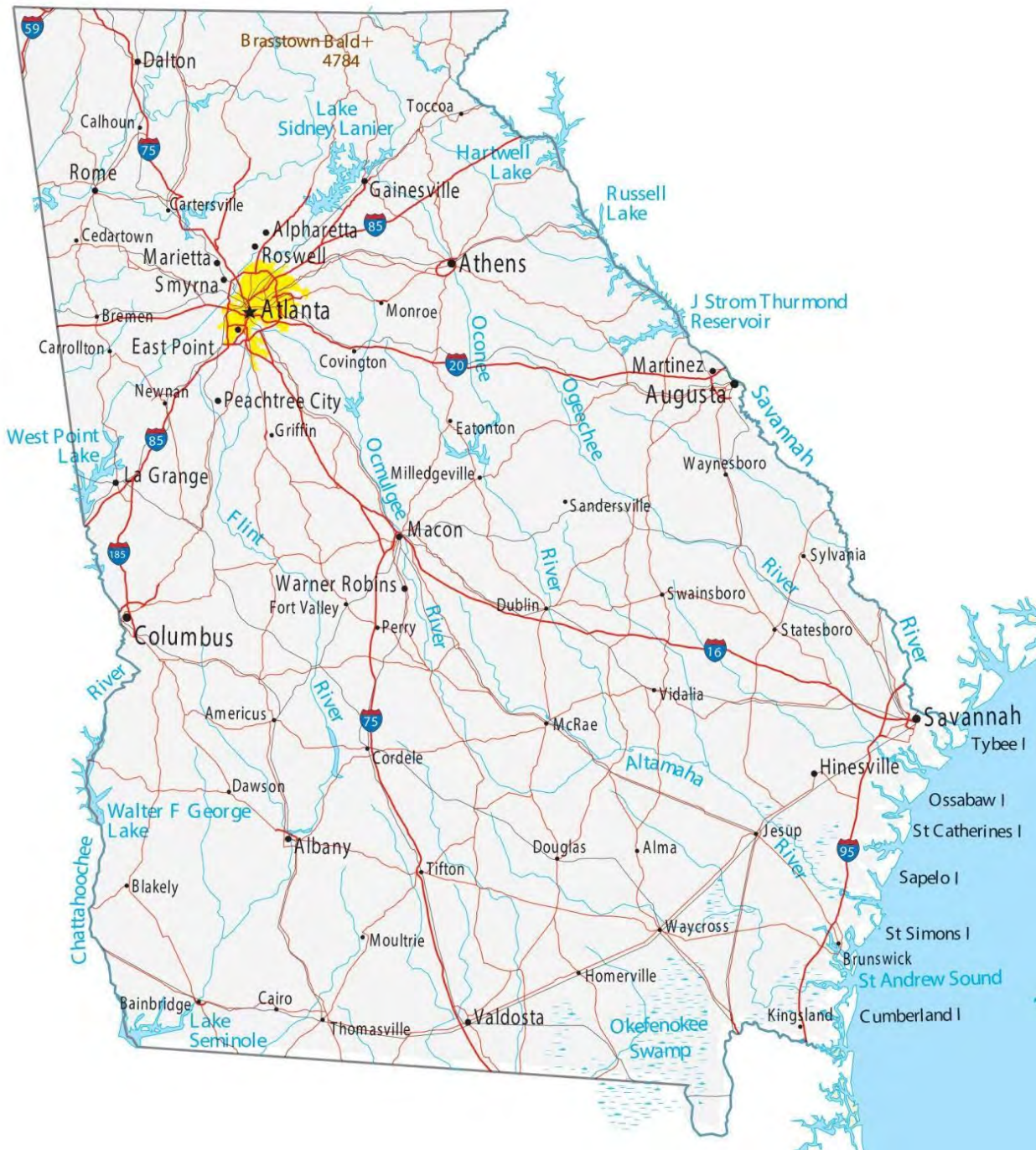
Physician, APRN, PA for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No, but form states that philosophical exemptions are not allowed.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Georgia is a state in the southeastern region of the United States. It is home to beautiful forests, lakes, atlantic coastline, and cities like Atlanta. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers, but only Medical and Religious Exemptions are allowed for school students.

However, like much of the south you do not have to explain your beliefs when you are obtaining a Religious Exemption.



Atlanta





Tybee Island



Helena

# Florida

Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, County Clerk for Religious  
Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

Florida is a state on the southeast coast of the United States. It is home to tropical weather, amazing beaches, and Ron Desantis. Florida is the only state to have coastline on the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Medical and Religious Exemptions are available for school students. By law, no one can ask you about your beliefs when obtaining a religious exemption. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Delray Beach



Siesta Key



Central Florida

# South Carolina

## Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

### How to Obtain an Exemption

Licensed Healthcare Provider for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

### Religious Questions Asked?

The parent or guardian's signature and notary signature is required on the exemption form. The religious exemption form says that parents have to state that they are members of a recognized religious denomination in which the tenets and practices of the religious denomination conflict with immunizations. I could not find any evidence that they ask you about your beliefs on the statement.

### Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

South Carolina is a state in the southeast of the United States. It is home to beautiful islands, mountains, forests, and great southern charm. Only Medical and Religious Exemptions are allowed.

Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers. Even though South Carolina's official religious exemption form only wants you to use it if you are part of a recognized religious denomination, unofficially many schools do not care about this at all, but this is not a guarantee.



Hilton Head Island





Charleston



Greenville



# Tennessee

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

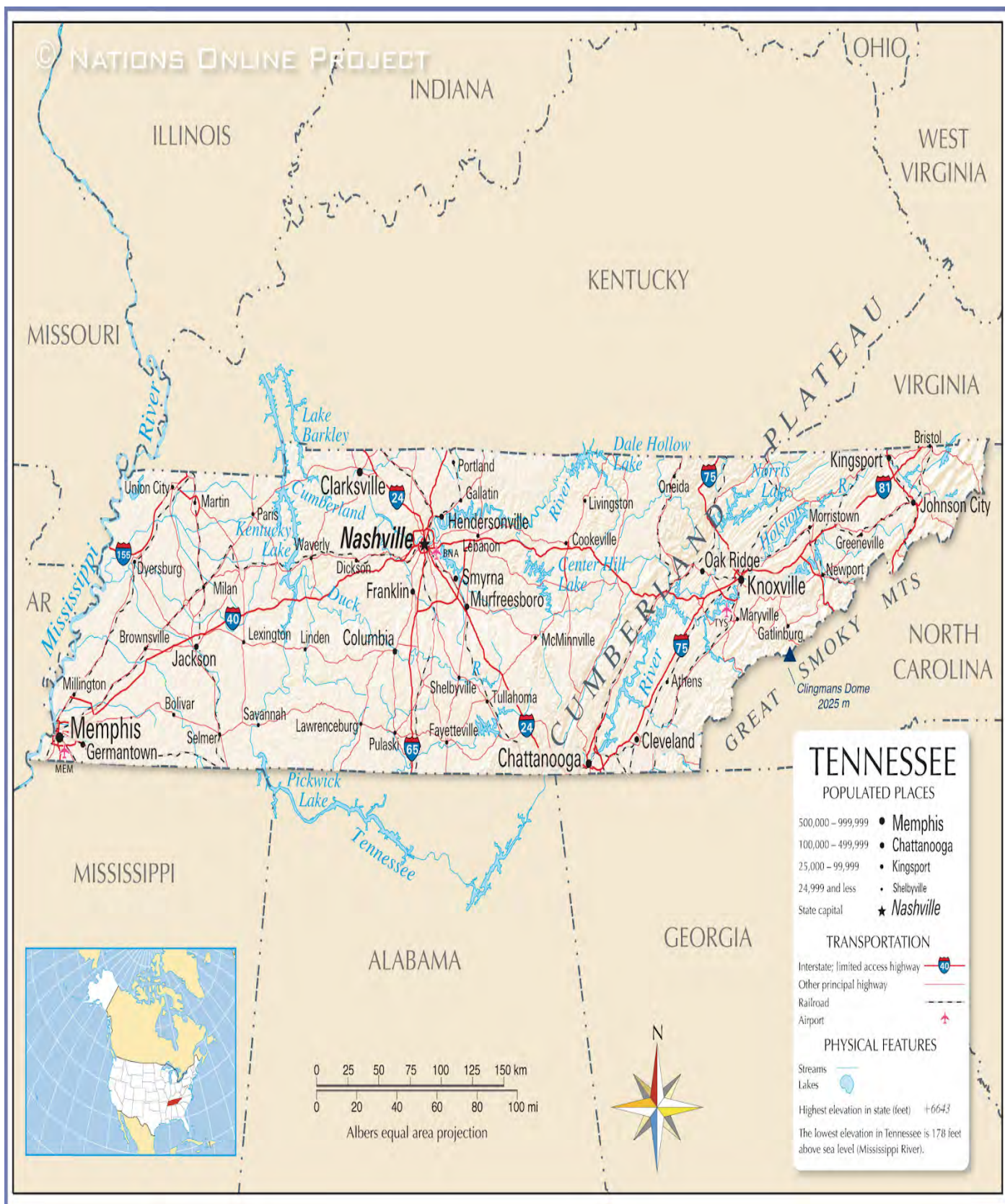
MD, DO for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for Religious Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

No, but you could get charged with perjury if you use it for a nonreligious reason

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

Yes



# About the State

Tennessee is home to great country music, mountains, and cities like Nashville and Chattanooga. However, this is probably the worst place in the south for medical freedom living since only medical and stringent religious exemptions are allowed and vaccines or exemptions are required for homeschoolers.



Nashville





Chattanooga



Smoky Mountains

# North Carolina

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

A written statement is asked for, but the state won't review it for approval.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

Yes





## About the State

North Carolina is home to beaches, mountains, and cities like Raleigh. North Carolina only allows medical and religious exemptions for school students and homeschoolers. This is not the best state to go to for medical freedom living.



Emerald Isle



Asheville



Raleigh

# Kentucky

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No, but must have a written sworn statement. I could not find any evidence that they ask you about your beliefs on the statement.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No







# KENTUCKY

## POPULATED PLACES

- 100,000 – 499,999 • Louisville
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Bowling Green
- 24,999 and less • Harlan
- State capital ★ Frankfort

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 
- Airport 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state + 4139 ft

The lowest elevation in Kentucky is 257 feet above sea level (Mississippi River).

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# About the State

Kentucky is home to lakes, mountains, and cities like Louisville. Kentucky allows medical and religious exemptions and does not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschooling.



Lake Cumberland





Louisville



Mountains



# Virginia

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical only  
for HPV Vaccine

How to Obtain an Exemption:

Physician, registered nurse, or a local health department for Medical  
Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?






Yes

# VIRGINIA



## POPULATED PLACES

- 100,000 – 499,999 • Norfolk
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Roanoke
- 24,999 and less • Monterey
- State capital ★ Richmond
- Urban areas 🌆

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 
- Ferry 
- Airport  DCA

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) ▲ 5729
- The lowest elevation in Virginia is sea level (Atlantic Ocean).



# About the State

Virginia is home to beaches, mountains, lakes, and cities like Richmond. Medical and religious exemptions are allowed with a philosophical exemption only for the HPV vaccine. This also applies for homeschoolers according to HSLDA.



Virginia Beach





Richmond



Mountains

# Washington D.C

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical only  
for HPV Vaccine

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for  
Religious Exemption

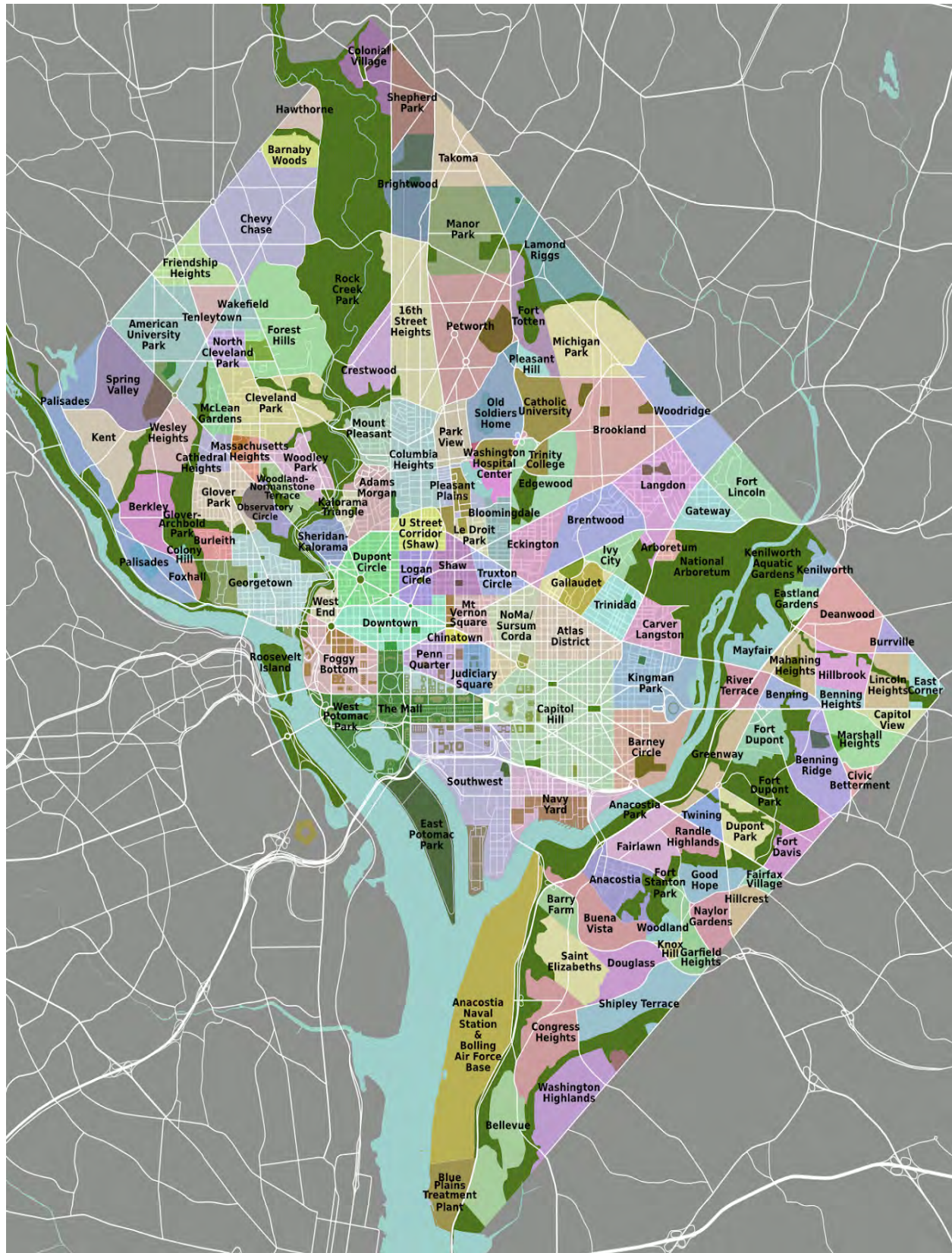
Religious Information Asked?

Yes

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No







# West Virginia

Vaccine Exemption: Medical Only

How to Obtain Exemption:

Healthcare Provider for Medical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No Religious Exemptions Allowed

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No

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## WEST VIRGINIA



### POPULATED PLACES

- 25,000 – 99,999 • Morgantown
- 24,999 and less • Elkins
- State capital ★ Charleston

### TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 

### PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state + 1,482 m (4,863 ft)
- The lowest elevation in West Virginia is 240 feet above sea level (Potomac River).

# About the State

West Virginia is home to mountains, rivers, and cities like Charleston. Unless you can get a medical exemption, homeschooling is the only option for medical freedom living.





# Eastern Region



The eastern region of the United States encompasses the states in the mid-atlantic and New England. Medical freedom wise, only one state allows philosophical vaccine exemptions, while most other states allow religious exemptions that vary in how hard they are to obtain. There are also states with only medical exemptions.

Maryland

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

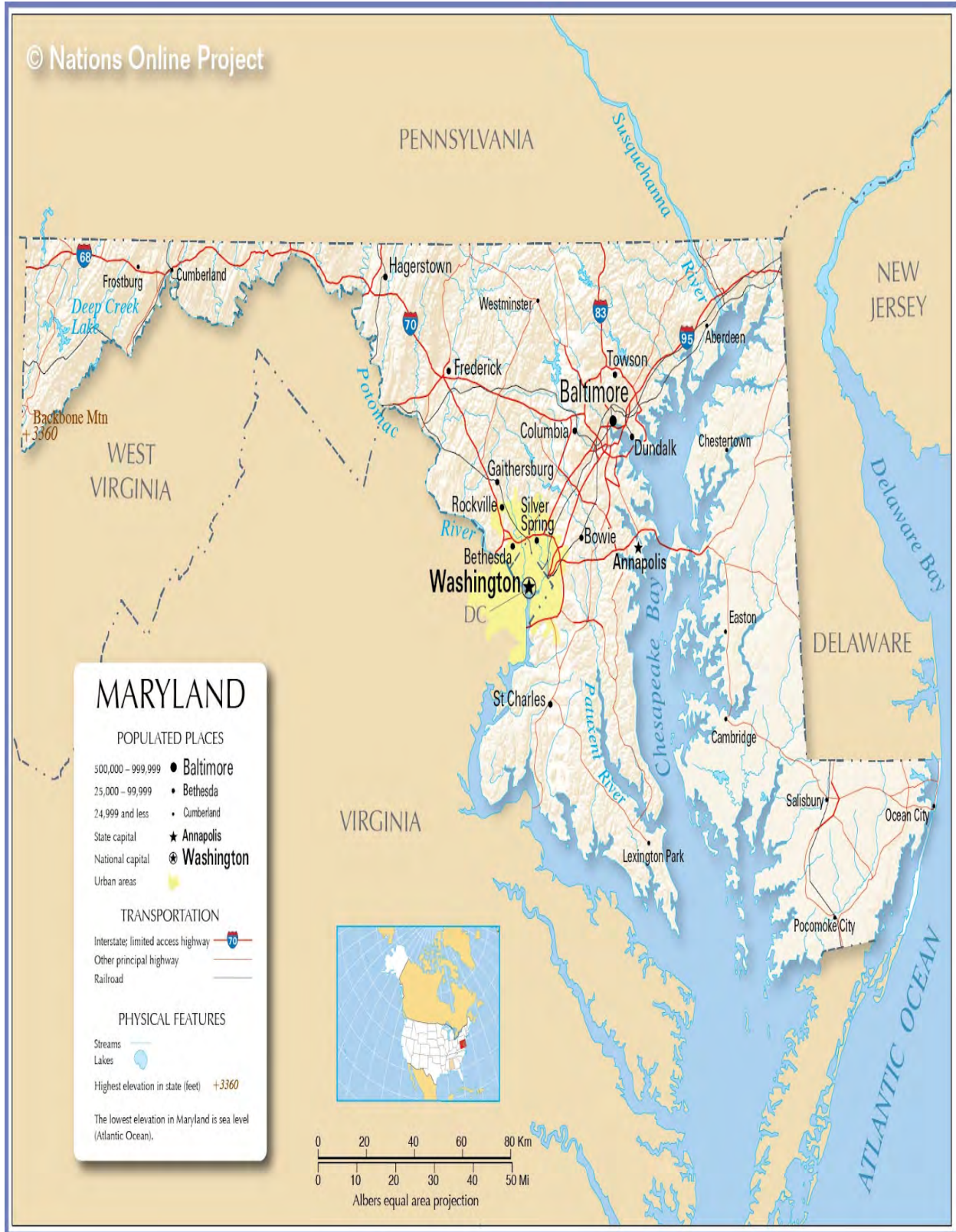
Medical Provider for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian  
Signature for Religious Exemption. Religious Exemption not  
Valid During “Emergency.”

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

Maryland is a state in the eastern region of the United States. It is home to beaches, mountains, and cities like Baltimore. Only medical and religious exemptions are allowed. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Ocean City



Baltimore



Western Maryland



# Delaware

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain Exemption:

Physician for Medical Exemption, Notary for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No Statement of Objection, but Specifies That Philosophical  
Exemptions Are Not Allowed on Form.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No





# About This State

Delaware is home to beaches, farms, bays, and cities like Wilmington. Medical and religious exemptions are allowed and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.

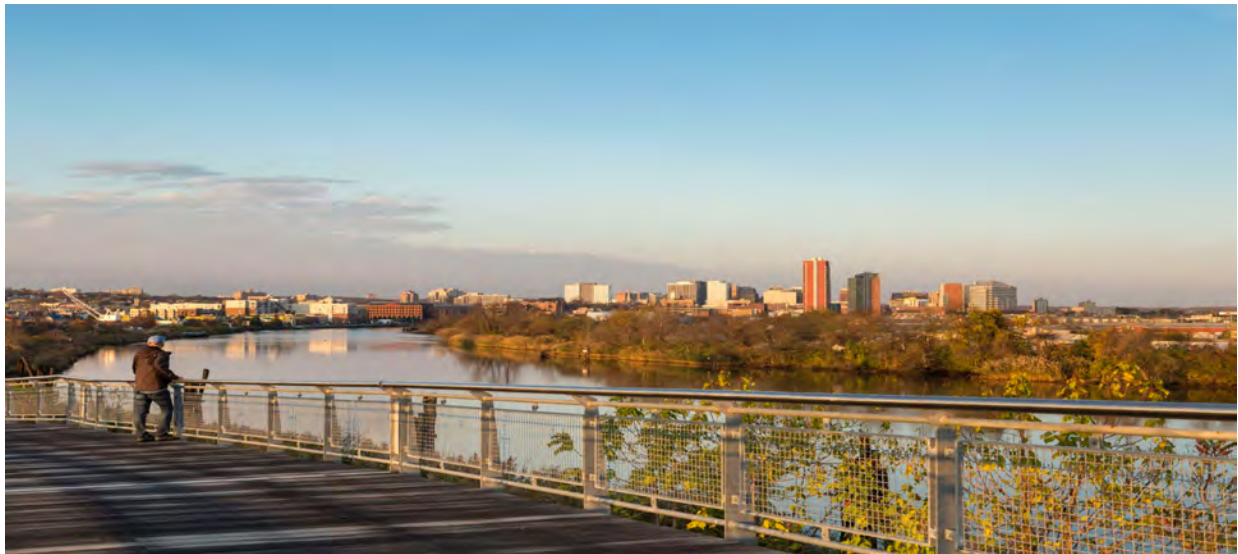


Rehoboth Beach





Delaware Bay



Wilmington



# Pennsylvania

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Philosophical (Some Universities State That Philosophical Exemptions are Limited to Specific Vaccines. )

## How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian for Religious, Philosophical Exemption.

## Religious Questions Asked?

Pennsylvania law states that children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction. Because of this, religious questions may be asked if your intent is to opt-out of vaccinations based on religious beliefs.

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?      Yes



# About the State

Pennsylvania is home to mountains, lakes, and cities like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. This is the only state in this region to allow philosophical vaccine exemptions.

Pennsylvania has no coastline, but coastal towns like Cape May in New Jersey are only a couple hours away from cities like Philadelphia.



Philadelphia





Pocono Mountains

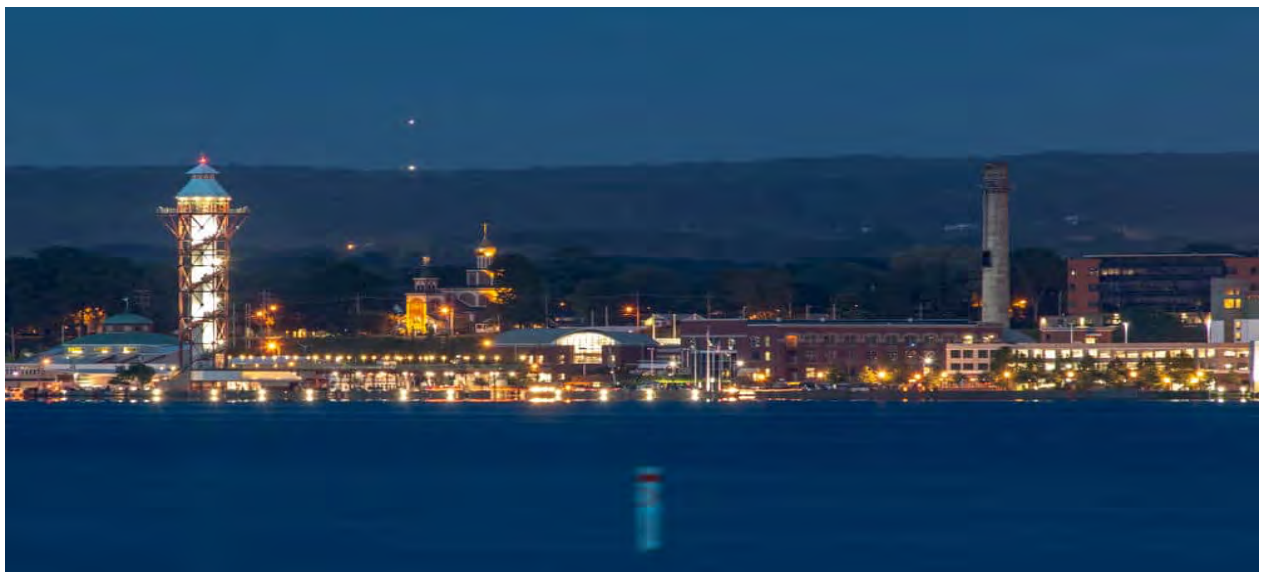


Bushkill Falls





Pittsburg



Erie

# New Jersey

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, advanced practice nurse for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature for Religious Exemption

Religious Questions Asked?

No, but New Jersey states that it finds requests for Philosophical Exemptions “unacceptable.”

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No







# NEW JERSEY

## POPULATED PLACES

- 100,000 – 499,999 • Paterson
- 25,000 – 99,999 • New Brunswick
- 24,999 and less • Asbury Park
- State capital ★ Trenton

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 
- Ferry 

## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +1803

The lowest elevation in New Jersey is sea level (Atlantic Ocean).



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# About the State

New Jersey is home to beaches, some mountains, and cities like Atlantic City and towns like Cape May. Medical and religious exemptions are allowed and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Cape May





Long Branch



New Jersey Mountains



# New York

Vaccine Exemption: Medical Only

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No Religious Exemptions

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

New York is home to mountains, beaches, lakes, and cities like New York and Buffalo. Unless you can get a medical exemption, homeschooling is the only option for medical freedom living.



New York City



# Connecticut

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical Only

How to Obtain Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No Religious Exemptions in Connecticut K-12. Might be able to get for Universities.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No



# About the State

Connecticut is home to rocky coastline, beaches, mountains, and cities like Hartford and New Haven. Unless you can get a medical exemption, homeschooling is the only option for medical freedom living.



Mystic



# Rhode Island

## Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious, Temporary Exemption

### How to Obtain an Exemption

Healthcare Provider, School Nurse, School Administrative Head  
Signature for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature and  
School Nurse, School Administrative Head Signature for Religious  
Exemption, Parent/Guardian Signature and School Nurse, School  
Administrative Head Signature for Temporary Exemption

### Religious Questions Asked?

No.

### Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?





No

## RHODE ISLAND



### POPULATED PLACES

- 100,000 – 499,999 • Providence
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Pawtucket
- 24,999 and less • Westerly
- State capital ★ Providence

### TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 
- Ferry 

### PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +812
- The lowest elevation in Rhode Island is sea level (Atlantic Ocean).



# About the State

Rhode Island, the United States smallest state, is home to rocky coastline, beaches, islands, and cities like Providence. Medical, religious, and temporary exemptions are available and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Newport





Block Island



Providence

Massachusetts

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain an Exemption

Doctors for Medical Exemptions, Parent/Guardian for Religious Exemptions. There are no official Massachusetts vaccine exemption forms.

Religious Information Asked?

Massachusetts website states that parents should be asked in writing to confirm that vaccination conflicts with religious beliefs.

Vaccines or Exemption Required for Homeschool?

No







# About the State

Massachusetts is home to the cape cod peninsula, lakes and mountains, beaches, islands, and cities like Boston. Only medical and religious exemptions are available. Vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Provincetown



Boston



Martha's Vineyard

# Vermont

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical and Religious

How to Obtain Exemption

Health Care Practitioner for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian  
Signature and “educational material” for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No





# About the State

Vermont is home to mountains, lakes, and cities like Burlington and other quaint small towns. Medical and religious exemptions are allowed and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Burlington





Green Mountains



Skiing



# New Hampshire

Vaccine Exemptions: Medical, Religious

How to Obtain Exemption

Healthcare Provider for Medical Exemption, Parent/Guardian

Signature for Religious Exemption

Religious Information Asked?

No

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschool?

No

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CANADA




QUÉBEC

## NEW HAMPSHIRE



### POPULATED PLACES

- 100,000 – 499,999 • Manchester
- 25,000 – 99,999 • Nashua
- 24,999 and less • Conway
- State capital ★ Concord

### TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway 
- Other principal highway 
- Railroad 

### PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams 
- Lakes 
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +6288
- The lowest elevation in New Hampshire is sea level (Atlantic Ocean).

VERMONT

MAINE

NEW YORK



# About the State

New Hampshire is home to mountains, coastline, and cities like Manchester. Medical and religious exemptions are allowed and vaccines or exemptions are not required for homeschoolers.



Rye





Manchester



New Hampshire Mountains

Maine

Vaccine Exemptions (As of 2022): Medical Exemptions  
Only

How to Obtain an Exemption

Physician for Medical Exemption. Religious or Philosophical Exemptions only allowed for students with an IEP that was in place as of September 1st, 2021 under certain circumstances.

Religious Information Asked?

No Religious Exemptions

Vaccines or Exemptions Required for Homeschoolers?

Unclear, but probably not.



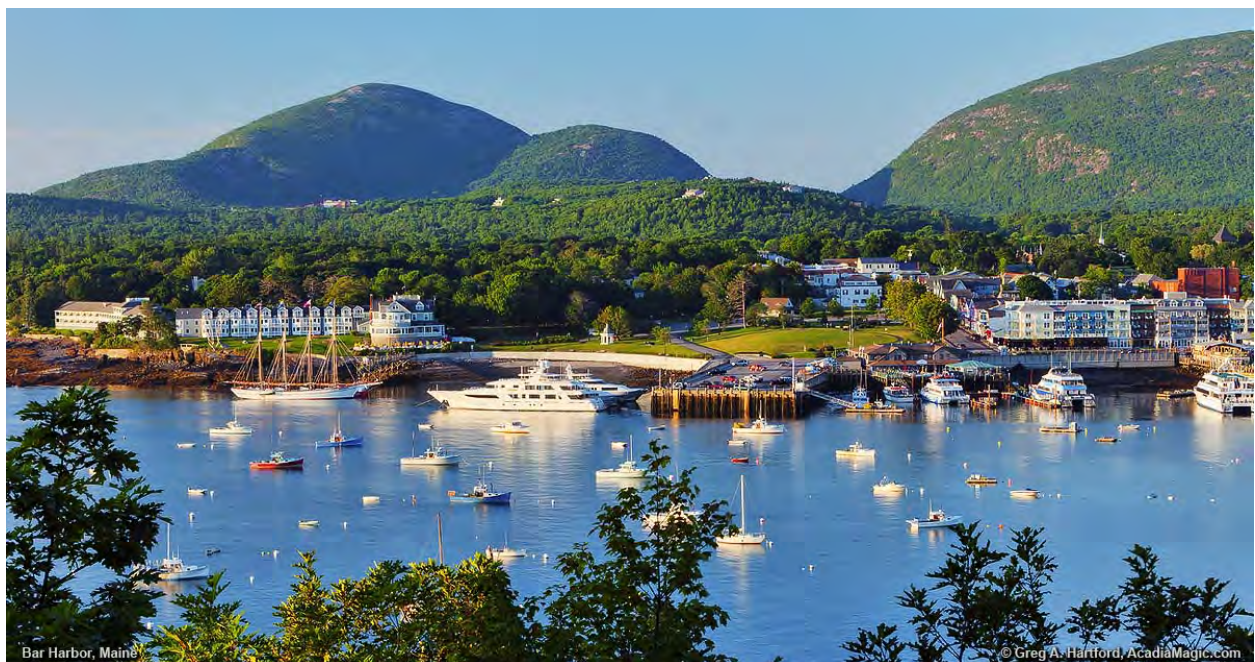
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# About the State

Maine is home to great seafood, cliffs by the ocean, Acadia National Park, and cities like Portland. Unless you can get a medical exemption, homeschooling is probably the only option for medical freedom living.



# Additional Information

## What about U.S Territories?

U.S Territories have the same system for vaccine laws that U.S states do. Out of the five territories with a sizable population, Guam, American Samoa, U.S Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico, do not require vaccines or exemptions for homeschoolers. Each of these territories offers a medical exemption, and each of these territories except the Northern Mariana Islands allows medical and religious exemptions.

## What are Canada's vaccine laws?

According to a 2011 article on the National Library of Medicine, most provinces in Canada do not really have vaccine requirements. The provinces that do have vaccine requirements, Manitoba Ontario and New Brunswick, allow exemptions to the requirements for medical reasons, religious reasons, and reasons of conscience. However, Canada has had harsh covid restrictions as a whole, so going to Canada could be more totalitarian when it comes to covid restrictions.

Additional Link

Article on vaccine laws in Canada

