Dear Parent or Guardian;

You are requesting that your child be exempt from immunization. In Ontario the Immunization of School Pupils Act requires you to sign a Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief and complete an immunization education session through your local Health Unit.

The affidavit must be signed by a Commissioner for oaths and should be stamped with the official stamp of that person or the person’s name and title should be printed clearly. Persons authorized to sign affidavits for exemptions include:

· Lawyer, Licensed Paralegal
· Police chief
· Provincial judge or justice of the peace
· Mayor of municipal council or member of municipal council
· Clerk, deputy clerk or treasurer of municipality
· Member of Parliament or Member of Provincial Parliament

After the signed affidavit is received and the course complete our records will show that your child is legally exempt from immunizations for religious or conscientious reasons. If there is an outbreak of an infection your child has not been vaccinated against, the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit may exclude your child from school.

If you have any questions and to book your education session please phone the Vaccine Preventable Disease Team at the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit at (519)426-6170.

Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,

Dr. Malcolm S. Lock, MD, MPH
Medical Officer of Health