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* Legislator is signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill and should be **thanked**.

Talking Points:

1. The right to make decisions for your child should be yours! You are very unhappy that the government has stepped in, trumping parental rights!
2. As the only jurisdiction to mandate a flu shot, NJ needs Vaccination Choice more urgently than any of the 19 other states that have it already.
3. You have lost faith in the Health Department to act in the best interest of your children.
4. You will NOT vote for someone unless they support Assembly bill A260 or Senate Bill S1071. Tell them you want them to support the bill as vigorously as they can, by becoming sponsors if they aren't and lobbying colleagues to join us as well.
5. Use any of the NJ Coalition for Vaccination Choice's Top Ten Reasons

What to do?

call every member of NJ's Senate and Assembly Health Committees & a few other key players, telling them you want bill A260/S1071, the CONSCIENTIOUS EXEMPTION from STATE-MANDATED VACCINES urgently passed into law!

MAKE THESE CALLS RELENTLESSLY!

Go down the list EVERY DAY, for the next several weeks, if you can.

JAM THEIR PHONE LINES and fill their mailboxes UNTIL THEY CRY UNCLE!

In the past, NJ bills have passed in a matter of weeks. We already have broad, bi-partisan support!

To find your district:

Go to www.njleg.state.nj.us and click on the Districts by Number in the left column. Find your town and the corresponding district number 1-40.

****IS YOUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE?** The Coalition can use your help going to appointments with NJCVC leaders. Please e-mail us at info@njvaccinationchoice.org

Once you have identified your elected representatives, one Senator and two Assemblypeople, write down their names, phone numbers and addresses and CONTACT THEM! They work for you! Tell them:

- You live in their district and you want them to sign on to sponsor the Conscientious Exemption from Mandatory Vaccinations Bill (In the Assembly it is bill A260. In the Senate, the identical bill is called S1071).
- You want the choice to decide which vaccines are right for your own children.
- Of any negative experiences you may have had trying to exercise NJ's existing exemptions. Tell them just HOW the current exemptions are not working *for you*.
- Tell them the religious exemption is an all or nothing exemption and does not allow you to pick and choose.

If you don't want your children to have a certain shot, presently, **THE CHOICE IS NOT YOURS!** Vaccines are substances which contain toxic additives and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) has on file hundreds of thousands of reports of life-threatening injury, disability and deaths resulting from vaccination. A MEDICAL PROCEDURE WHICH CARRIES THE RISK OF INJURY AND DEATH *SHOULD* NOT BE MANDATED BY STATES!

Under the provisions of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, no vaccine maker can be held liable in a civil suit for damages resulting from the administration of a vaccine, or **FOR FAILING TO WARN YOU OF THE POTENTIAL HARM. THERE IS NO ONE TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE SUFFERING AND OR DYING FROM AN ADVERSE REACTION TO A VACCINE. THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN ASSUMES ALL RISKS!**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the mission of the New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice (NJCVVC)?

The primary objective of the New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice (NJCVVC) is for the NJ legislature to pass bill A260/S1071, Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Vaccination, into law. If passed, New Jersey would become one of 20 states to allow vaccination choice by providing parents with the right to a conscientious or philosophical vaccination exemption. NJCVVC believes vaccine mandates are unethical and supports parents' rights to informed consent regarding vaccination. Informed consent requires that a parent/guardian be provided full disclosure of all information including vaccine ingredients, warnings, contraindications and possible adverse reactions resulting from administration as listed by the vaccine manufacturers and the Physician's Desk Reference, (PDR).

2. Are vaccines required for children to attend school and daycare in New Jersey?

New Jersey has mandatory vaccination regulations, however, a child can attend public or most private schools with select or no vaccines if the parent/guardian provides a valid medical or religious exemption letter to the school administrator. Private and religiously affiliated schools have now been directed by the NJ Dept. of Health to accept religious vaccine exemptions. NJ does not currently allow parents to use a conscientious/philosophical vaccine exemption, which would change if bill A260/S1071 passes into law.

3. Which vaccines are mandated in New Jersey for school and daycare attendance?

You may visit the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services website for detailed information on vaccination mandates. This information is contained under the MINIMAL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/forms/imm-7.pdf>. For a summary of the newest mandates and reasons that NJCVVC opposes their mandatory status, visit: <http://www.njvaccinationchoice.org/whyweare.html>

4. Does my child qualify for a medical exemption?

A medical exemption letter must be written by a licensed physician in New Jersey. Medical exemptions would apply to individuals who are allergic to any components of the vaccines, those who have had severe reactions in the past and to those individuals with a family history of allergies. Also, some immunocompromised individuals taking specific medications should not receive certain vaccines. Siblings' adverse reactions do not automatically exempt a child although should be thoroughly considered prior to vaccination. Medical contraindications to vaccines are listed in the manufacturer's package insert and the Physicians Desk Reference, yet guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics and/or Centers for Disease Control usually define the medical condition/status that is acceptable for a medical exemption. Please visit our website for further details: <http://njvaccinechoice.org/homework.html#docs>. A medical

exemption must be renewed annually, and even if written by a licensed physician, the local Board of Health has the right to reject the exemption.

5. Does my child qualify for a religious exemption and how do I claim this?

In order to qualify for a religious exemption, you must have sincere religious beliefs that prohibit vaccination. A valid religious exemption letter is also required to legally exempt a child from mandated vaccines. A parent/guardian must write the letter and should include the NJ state law that defines the right to a religious exemption and include an explanation as to why the practice of vaccination conflicts with your religious beliefs/ tenets. You are not obligated to disclose your religion to obtain a religious exemption. In the recent past, school officials have erroneously requested letters from clergy or they have questioned a parent's religion, as well as other discriminatory practices. According to a Dec. 1, 2008 memo by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, school administrators were specifically instructed to avoid such practices. The memo itself can be accessed here:

<http://njvaccinationchoice.org/fromnj.html>

6. I am opposed to vaccinations for reasons other than religion. What kind of exemption can I file so my child can attend school?

Currently the state of New Jersey will only accept one of two vaccine exemptions: medical or religious. If your child has a medical condition which warrants a medical exemption, you can request a letter from your licensed physician. Religious exemptions are available to those who believe that vaccinations conflict with their religious beliefs/tenets. If you do not provide a medical or religious exemption, or vaccinate your child with the state-mandated vaccines, your school administrator will be required to expel your child from school. If the philosophical/conscientious belief exemption bill (A260/S1071) passes in NJ, parents will have the right to choose select or no vaccines for their children to attend school.

7. I am atheist or agnostic. What exemption is available to my family?

There is no provision in the current law for individuals who wish to be exempt from vaccination for reasons other than religious or medical. NJ's current exemptions are in violation of New Jersey law against discrimination since agnostics, atheists, and even vegetarians do not have equal protection under the law to file exemptions. The conscientious exemption bill will correct this violation.

8. I cannot locate a thimerosal-free flu shot for my child. Any suggestions?

The NJ Department of Health and Senior Services has stated that it does not regulate or control the state's vaccine supply. It is therefore a parent/guardian's choice and responsibility to locate a thimerosal-free version of the flu shot, or other mandated vaccine for their child(ren). Vaccine compliance is expected for school attendance, regardless of availability.

9. What happens in the 2008-2009 flu season if my preschooler (less than 59 months) does not have his flu shot?

According to state law, if your child is expected to have one of the following: all mandated vaccines, or a religious/medical exemption. In early February 2009,

however, the NJ Dept. of Health extended the flu shot deadline indefinitely for compliance in order to attend daycare or preschool, citing shortages around NJ.

10. Now that I've started to vaccinate my child(ren), am I required to continue?

You always have the right to consider what is best for your child(ren). If you choose to discontinue or delay vaccinating, however, your child is still expected to receive all state mandated vaccinations to enter school unless you claim a medical or a religious exemption

11. How do I know if my child has an egg allergy and may react to a vaccine?

Flu vaccines, as well as other vaccines, are grown on egg embryos and usually contain egg and other foreign proteins. If you are not certain if your child has an egg allergy and you would like to continue vaccinating, you should consult an allergy specialist who may provide a blood or skin prick test to determine if he/she may have a reaction. Laboratory-confirmed egg allergies are a contraindication to receiving egg-containing vaccines such as influenza and varicella. The risk is anaphylaxis. For a list of vaccine ingredients, click here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf>

12. I believe my child has had a vaccine reaction, but my doctor says not to worry about it or that it is unrelated to the vaccines. What can I do?

If your child has had an adverse reaction to a vaccine, or combination of vaccines (you may review the manufacturers' package inserts online or the Physicians Desk Reference for more details), your doctor is required by law to report the adverse events to federal health authorities within 30 days of occurrence. If your doctor refuses, you have the right to submit your own report. Even common, mild side effects should be reported to the federal vaccine tracking database. Click here to access details on filing a report with VAERS, Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System: <https://secure.vaers.org/VaersDataEntryintro.htm>.

13. What is the status of NJ's conscientious exemption bill and how can I help to make it a law in NJ?

Our Coalition encourages everyone to get involved and help to pass bill A260/S1071. It is important for EVERYONE to call and write letters to your district's legislators. If your assemblyperson/senator is currently sponsoring bill A260/S1071, then please thank him/her; if not, send a letter explaining why they should sponsor the bill. For details of what to do and where to call refer to:

<http://www.njvaccinationchoice.org/action.html>. The reason this bill is not being voted on in the legislature is because the health committees of the Senate and Assembly have not allowed it to come up for a vote. Your continuous calls and letters to YOUR own legislators are needed to pass this bill.

Thank you for your support of the NJ Coalition for Vaccination Choice. If you have additional questions, please feel free to send them to: info@njvaccinationchoice.org







Why NJ Needs Vaccination Choice









The **New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice** is a network of parents, physicians, holistic organizations and autism support groups, concerned with the lack of parental rights regarding health care, and the overwhelming number of mandated vaccinations. We believe that vaccination choice embodies informed consent, a key ethical medical standard of which NJ residents are presently deprived. It is crucial that the NJ legislature pass **A260/S1071, The Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Immunization Bill**. 19 other states already provide a similar exemption; parents in NJ also deserve this right.

In December 2007, the NJ Public Health Council, a group of eight volunteer, unelected, governor-appointed officials, including lawyers and dentists, voted to add four new vaccine mandates, beginning Sept. 2008. Shortly thereafter, this mandate was signed into law.

The four new mandatory shots **were** added to the already crowded schedule of vaccines as a requirement to attend daycare or school in New Jersey. **NJ requires more shots than any other state**. The new mandates are as follows along with reasons to question their mandatory status:

1. **Annual influenza shot for children 6 to 59 months**

-  Where are the studies comparing vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of administering annual flu shots to children as young as six months old?
-  Seasonal reformulation of flu shots precludes any long term safety data. The CDC does comment each year, however, on the ineffectiveness of the vaccine because circulating strains don't match the vaccine. (CIDRAP News, Feb. 8, 2008, "CDC says influenza B flu strain doesn't match vaccine." AP Medical News, April 7, 2008, "CDC: Flu season worst in 4 years; vaccine didn't work well.")
-  More than 90% of the flu shots given in the 2007-08 flu season contained high levels of thimerosal/mercury. [FluLaval (Glaxo-Smith Kline), Fluvirin (Novartis) and Fluzone (Sanofi Pasteur) all contain 25 micrograms (mcg) of mercury per .5 ml dose. Fluarix (Glaxo-Smith Kline) contains trace amounts (less than 10 mcgs, however, mercury remains toxic even in miniscule amounts)]
-  The amount of mercury in a typical pediatric dose of flu shot, which will be given each year, exceeds the safety limit established by the EPA for a 550 pound person. (EPA standard for "safe" mercury levels in the human body; point 1 (.1) microgram of mercury per 2.2 pounds of body weight.)
-  The first time flu shot for anyone, including 6 month olds, is a double dose, 2 shots
-  Flu shots contain egg albumin and egg protein. There is potential for anaphylactic reaction if a child has an egg allergy, which is not commonly known at 6 months of age.

-  According to package inserts for various influenza vaccines, no formulation of the flu vaccine has ever been tested for 1) Carcinogenicity (ability to cause cancer), 2) Effect on reproductive capacity, 3) Safety in pregnant women and fetal harm, 4) Safety in children under 4 years of age
- 2. Pneumococcal (Pevnar) series shot for children aged only 2 months to 59 months**
-  Is a “7-in-1” containing at least 7 viruses in one dose
 -  This genetically engineered vaccine has been poorly tested, is ineffective and unusually prone to adverse effects. There is also growing evidence that this shot's effectiveness is rapidly diminishing due to changes in the ecology of pneumococcal organisms; it has been linked to the development of antibiotic-resistant strains of pneumococcus.
- 3. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) booster for sixth-graders**
-  In addition to the attenuated viruses, the vaccine includes formaldehyde and high levels of aluminum, both are known neurotoxins.
 -  Adverse reactions include encephalitis, convulsions, facial palsy, diabetes, and death.
 -  This is now a 5 dose series requiring continual boosters since NO long-term studies have [not – delete] been conducted to confirm the length of effectiveness.
- 4. Meningococcal vaccine for sixth-graders**
-  Adverse reactions include Anorexia, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, myalgia, facial palsy, and encephalomyelitis
 -  NJ Dept. of Health recommends the conjugate version (Menactra) which is not effective against the meningococcus strain B that comprises 55% of meningitis cases in the US

New Jersey is the **first jurisdiction anywhere in the world** to make flu shots and meningococcal shots compulsory. Many in this Coalition believe it is medically and scientifically irresponsible to mandate such vaccination.

***No clinical trials have EVER been done to study
the collective effects of all these vaccines!***

Vaccination is a medical procedure which carries the risk of adverse reactions and side effects, including death. Therefore, vaccination choice and informed consent is imperative. We call for passage of **A260/S1071**, the Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Immunization Bill.

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NJ Coalition for Vaccination Choice CALL-IN SCRIPT

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Speaker Roberts	Could you please pass along a message to the Speaker? I'd like him to get Assembly bill 260 <u>moving</u> (the Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Immunization.)	We have 39 co-sponsors of this bill already, but NOTHING has happened in the Assembly Health Committee on it. That is NOT acceptable. It's time to get this bill moving.	There is a large community of parents in favor of this bill. We urgently want it passed & signed into law for NJ in 2009.
Assemblyman Conaway & Assemblywoman Wagner	Could you please pass along a message to Asm. Conaway? I want him to get Assembly bill 260 <u>moving</u> (the Conscientious Exemption to Mandatory Immunization.)	We have 39 co-sponsors of this bill already, but NOTHING has happened in the Assembly Health Committee on it. That is NOT acceptable. It's time to get this bill moving, we want a hearing as soon as possible.	ditto
Senator Codey Sen. Vitale, Sen. Weinberg	Could you please pass along a message to the Senator? I'd like him/her to get Senate bill 1071 <u>moving</u>	Can they use their leadership position to get this bill moving as soon as possible?	ditto
Regular Assemblypeople	Hello, my name is ____. May I please speak with assemblyman/woman ____? This is about Assembly bill 260, the conscientious exemption to mandatory vaccination.	<i>If they are NOT sponsors:</i> I call to urgently ask that they co-sponsor A260. Can I set up a time to meet with them in the coming weeks? <i>If they ARE sponsors:</i> THANK you for co-sponsoring A260. I'm calling to see if they can support it more vigorously, by reaching out to members of the Health Committee to get it moving?	who feel very strongly that this bill must get moving. We urgently want it passed and signed into law for NJ in 2009. It is my personal belief that ...
Regular Senators	Hello, my name is ____. May I please speak with senator ____? This is about Senate bill 1071, the conscientious exemption to mandatory vaccination.	<i>If they are NOT sponsors:</i> I call to urgently ask that they co-sponsor S1071. Can I set up a time to meet with them in the coming weeks? <i>If they ARE sponsors:</i> THANK you for co-sponsoring S1071. I'm calling to see if they can support it more vigorously, by reaching out to members of the Health Committee to get it moving?	ditto