

PUBLIC ALERT:

Health Freedom At Risk



Overview: Proposed Changes to N.J.A.C. 8:57

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) has introduced over 320 pages of amendments to the state health code that would:

- Expand government control over personal data
- Reduce transparency and oversight
- Limit parental rights and religious freedom

These rules are being advanced without legislative approval and will affect families, schools, and employers across the state.

Summary of Key Concerns and Why They Matter

Religious Freedom Threatened	Private schools permitted to deny religious exemptions, including daycare, preschools, K-12, and colleges.	Limits equal access to education and challenges long-standing religious protections.
No Informed Consent for NJIIS Enrollment	Everyone, children and adults, will be automatically enrolled in the state's vaccine database - with limited opt-out options.	Removes informed consent and reduces parental.
Expanded Collection, Reporting, and Penalties	Administrators from educational institutions statewide will have access to the NJIIS and will be required to collect, and report student health information to the state, facing fines for noncompliance.	Blurs lines between education and enforcement. Wide network of non-medical personnel with access to private health information threatens privacy and security.
Federal Alignment without Local Input	By aligning health codes with federal agencies (i.e. ACIP), vaccine requirements and administrative procedures could change automatically with agency updates.	Bypasses the New Jersey Legislature and public comment, thereby silencing NJ families who deserve a voice in shaping state policy.
Permanent Records Exemption from OPRA	Testing, vaccination, quarantine, outbreak, and related records will be shielded from public access.	Restrictions would further reduce transparency in state government and accountability.
Concentration of Power	These code changes reinforce and solidify the sweeping authority of the Commissioner of Health - with NO checks and balances.	One, unelected official can decide what data is collected and enforced, declare an emergency based on suspected threats and suspend religious exemptions unilaterally.

TAKE ACTION

Flood the NJDOH with comments opposing these changes.

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Deadline for comments: November 14th

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