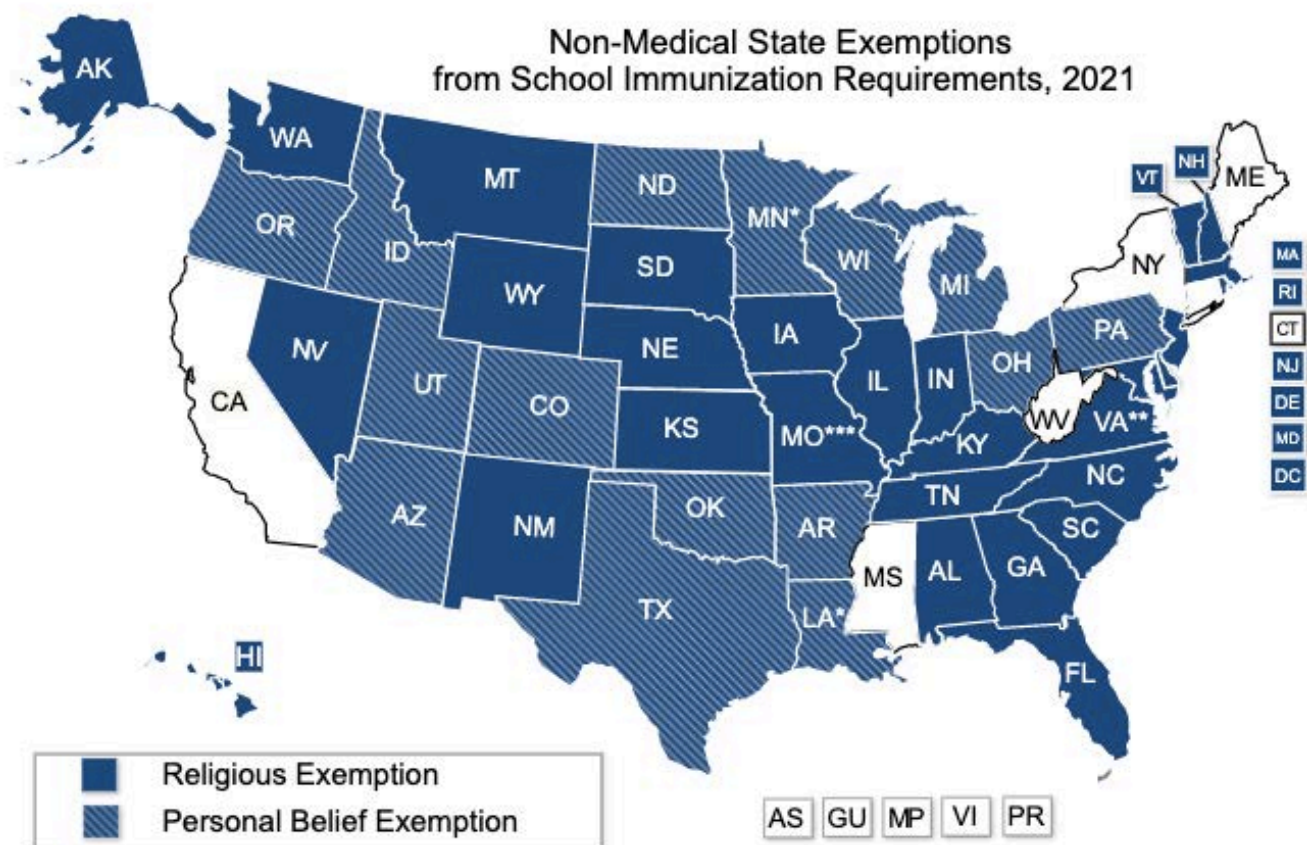


## States with Philosophical or Personal Belief Exemptions

The following is a map created by the National Conference of State Legislatures, and is available at: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/school-immunization-exemption-state-laws.aspx>



**Source:** Adapted from the LexisNexis StateNet Database and the Immunization Action Coalition, May 2019.

- There are currently 6 states, not including any US territories, that do not recognize either a religious or philosophical exemption for K-12 schools. They are: California, Connecticut, Maine, Mississippi, New York, and West Virginia.
- If you are located in one of these 6 states, your only option to obtain a vaccine exemption for a child in K-12 is a well drafted medical exemption request with supporting documentation.