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- Updated in August of 2022, Wisconsin Department of Health reports that in the 2021-2022 school year, **4.5%** of parents elected to use the Personal Conviction Waiver/Exemption.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2020-2021, only **4.6%** of Wisconsin school children had a vaccine exemption of any type on file for one or more vaccines.<sup>2</sup>
- The religious exemption rate was **0.5%** in the 2021-2022 school year.<sup>3</sup>
- Most parents who choose to use a vaccine exemption have children who are at least partially vaccinated. In fact, for the 2021-2022 school year, only **1.2%** of students had waived all immunizations.<sup>4</sup>
- A vaccine exemption is filed regardless of whether the exemption is filed for one dose or all doses.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health does not collect data to determine the exact number of vaccines or type of vaccine that are being waived by Pre-K through 12th grade students.
- For the 2021-22 school year, 2,606 schools reported information on 890,055 students.<sup>5</sup>

**This is a reminder that Wisconsin state statute allows for 3 vaccine waivers / exemptions for use in Pre-K through 12th grade students, and day care: Medical, Religious, and Personal Conviction.<sup>6</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> [Wisconsin School Immunization Rates - https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01894.pdf](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01894.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> [Wisconsin Student Immunization Law Compliance Results - https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02204a.pdf](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02204a.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [Wisconsin School Immunization Rates - https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01894.pdf](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01894.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Ibid

<sup>6</sup> [Wisconsin Legislature: 252.04 - https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/252/04](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/252/04)