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## Immunization Laws SB 277, SB 276 and SB 714

Since January 1, 2016 (SB 277), parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, are no longer allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently-required vaccine.

Under Senate Bills (SB) 276 and SB 714 (Pan, 2019), beginning January 1, 2021, all new medical exemptions for school and child care entry must be issued through the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website (CAIR-ME) by physicians licensed in California. Medical exemptions must meet applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) criteria. Schools and child care facilities may only accept from parents new medical exemptions that are issued using CAIR-ME.

#### Students Admitted at TK/K-12 Need:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) — 5 doses

 (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after
 7th birthday.)

For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.

- Polio (OPV or IPV) 4 doses
   (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B 3 doses (not required for 7th grade entry)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) 2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses

### Students Starting 7th Grade Need:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) —1 dose (Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses (Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.

If you have further questions, please refer to:

https://www.shotsforschool.org/

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

## Starting July 1, 2019

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These immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including transitional kindergarten.

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- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) 1 dose (Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses (Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

In addition, the TK/K-12 immunization requirements apply to 7th graders who:

- previously had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/Kindergarten and 6th grade
- are new admissions

### **Records:**

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