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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re: New Immunization requirements for 2016

Under a new law known as SB277, beginning January, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten or 7th grade.

At the time of the next immunization checkpoint, your child will be required to have one of the following:

1. Be up to date on all vaccinations for their age group and grade level (see attached)
2. Have started the course of vaccinations, and remain on schedule, to become up to date on all vaccinations for their age group and grade level (see attached)
3. Have a medical exception signed by a registered physician which states:
 - a. That the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated
 - b. Which vaccines are being exempted
 - c. Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
 - d. The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary

Another option would be for you to enroll your child in a home school or independent study program that does not offer a classroom based instruction.

For more information about SB277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at:

<http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>.

For more information about school immunizations and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at www.shotsforschool.org, or contact the [Santa Barbara County Public Health Department](#) or [Santa Barbara County Office of Education](#).

Thank you for helping us comply with the law.

Sincerely,

Mark Palmerston
Executive Director

GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

GRADES TK/K-12



Entry Requirements by Age and Grade Before Entering:

Vaccine	4-6 Years Old Elementary School at Transitional Kindergarten/ Kindergarten and Above	7-17 Years Old Elementary or Secondary School	7th Grade*
Polio (OPV or IPV)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2nd birthday)	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td (3 doses ok if last dose was given on or after 2nd birthday. At least one dose must be Tdap or DTaP/DTP given on or after 7th birthday for all 7th-12th graders.)	1 dose of Tdap (Or DTP/DTaP given on or after the 7th birthday.)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)	2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday. Only one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines are required if given separately.)	1 dose (Dose given on or after 1st birthday. Mumps vaccine is not required if given separately.)	2 doses of MMR or any measles-containing vaccine (Both doses given on or after 1st birthday.)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	3 doses		
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V, or VZV)	1 dose	1 dose for ages 7-12 years. 2 doses for ages 13-17 years.	

*New admissions to 7th grade should also meet the requirements for ages 7-17 years.

INSTRUCTIONS:

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at Kindergarten/TK **through** 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry.

1. Notify parents of required immunizations and collect immunization records.
2. Copy the date of each vaccine from the child's immunization record to the California School Immunization Record (Blue Card, CDPH-286) and/or supplemental Tdap sticker [PM 286 S (01/11)] or enter into an approved electronic system that prints a Blue Card.
3. Compare number of doses on the Blue Card to the requirements above.
4. Determine whether child can be admitted.

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Table 2: Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule

Vaccine	Dose	Time Intervals
Polio¹	1 st dose	Before admission
	2 nd dose	As early as 6 weeks but no later than 10 weeks after the 1 st dose. Before admission if 10 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission.
	3 rd dose	As early as 6 weeks but no later than 12 months after the 2nd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 2nd dose at the time of admission.
	4 th dose (Required only for entry to kindergarten level or above)	Age 4-6 years: If the 3rd dose was given before the 4 th birthday one more dose is required before admission. Age 7-17 years: If the 3rd dose was given before the 2nd birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis FOR PUPILS UNDER AGE 7 YEARS: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids OR: FOR PUPILS AGE 7 YEARS AND OLDER: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP, Tdap) and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 1st dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission.
	3 rd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 2nd dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 2nd dose at the time of admission.
	4 th dose	As early as 6 months but no later than 12 months after the 3rd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 3rd dose at the time of admission.
	5 th dose (Required only for pupils ages 4-6 years for entry to kindergarten level and above)	If the 4th dose was given before the 4th birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 1st dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission.
	3 rd dose	As early as 6 months but no later than 12 months after the 2nd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 2nd dose at the time of admission.
	4 th dose	If the 3rd dose was given before the 2nd birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
	One Tdap dose	Before 7th through 12th grade entry.
Measles Note: For children entering kindergarten (or first grade if kindergarten is skipped) on or after August 1, 1997, two doses are required. For children entering 7th grade on or after July 1, 1999, the series shall be in process or completed.	One dose only	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached.
	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 1 month but no later than 3 months after the 1st dose.
Rubella	One dose only	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached.

Table 2: Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule (continued)

Vaccine	Dose	Time Intervals
Mumps (Not required for pupils age 7 years and older)	One dose only	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached.
Hib Children 2-14 months old	Two doses	1st dose before admission. 2nd dose as early as 2 months but no later than 3 months after the 1st dose.
	One dose	Before admission.
Hepatitis B For children entering at kindergarten level (or first grade if kindergarten skipped) or below on or after August 1, 1997.	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 1 month but no later than 2 months after the first dose.
	3 rd dose	Infants and children under age 18 months: As early as 2 months but no later than 12 months after the 2nd dose. Also, no earlier than 4 months after the 1st dose. Children age 18 months and older: As early as 2 months but no later than 6 months after the 2nd dose. Also, no earlier than 4 months after the 1st dose.
Varicella² For children aged 13 through 17 years not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001.	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no longer than 3 months after first dose.

¹ Oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or any combination of these vaccines is acceptable.

² Children admitted to California schools at the Kindergarten level or above before July 1, 2001 are exempt from this requirement.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 120330, 120335 and 131200, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 120325, 120335, 120370 and 120375, Health and Safety Code.

§ 6040. Requirements for Continued Attendance.

An already admitted pupil who is subsequently discovered not to have received all the immunizations which were required before admission or who is subsequently discovered not to have complied with the requirements for conditional admission specified in Section 6035 shall continue in attendance only if he or she receives all vaccine doses for which he or she is currently due and provides documentation of having received such doses no later than 10 school days after he or she or the parent or guardian is notified. The school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center shall notify the pupil or the parent or guardian of the time period (no longer than 10 school days) within which the doses must be received.

§ 6045. Special Immunization Schedules.

- (a) Immunization schedules not conforming to those specified in Sections 6020 and 6035 may be approved by the State Department of Health Services when substantial medical or other conditions warrant, such as during an outbreak or epidemic of a particular disease.