

CALIFORNIA LAW

According to the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 120325-120375, children are required to receive certain immunizations to attend public and private elementary and secondary schools, childcare centers, family day care homes, nursery schools, day nurseries, and developmental centers. These institutions are required to enforce immunization records of all children enrolled, and submit reports. These laws include info on required immunizations, definitions of key terms, medical exemptions and acceptable record keeping.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Medical exemptions are permissions granted to individuals, allowing them to forgo certain required immunizations due to specific health conditions or medical circumstances. In California, as of 2021, all new medical exemptions for school and childcare entry must be issued through the California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption website (CAIR-ME).

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FAQ'S:



CAIR-ME:



REPORTING

- Review each child's blue card or personal immunization record in each respective reporting cohort.
- Determine if requirements are met, are they an unconditional admission or conditional admission.
- Tally each child's reporting status, use the Immunization Assessment Worksheet.
- Submit your report on the CAIR Hub Reporting Website.

CAIR HUB REPORTING SITE:



SHOTS FOR SCHOOL WEBSITE:



SHOTS FOR SCHOOL

The Shots for School website is an invaluable resource for all things school immunizations. The website offers information regarding all the information in this pamphlet, tools for schools, trainings, state updates and links to important State websites.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

If you have exhausted all your resources please reach out to us. We are your first resource when it comes to any questions or concerns you may have regarding school immunizations and requirements.

SCHOOL RESOURCE GUIDE FOR REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

QUICK REFERENCE
FOR SCHOOL
HEALTH STAFF

Ventura County Public Health Department

Immunization Program
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K-12 ADMISSIONS

The Basic Procedure:

Before children under age 18 years are admitted to any pre-kindergarten facility or TK/K-12 school in California, either public or private, California law requires that a parent or guardian present an immunization record to staff. Usually, this is the child's personal immunization record given to parents by the doctor or clinic. The personal immunization record must:

- Identify the student by name and date of birth.
- Show the date (month, day and year) each required vaccine dose was received.
- Have the type of vaccine received.
- Include name of the physician or agency who gave the vaccine.

Complete the Blue Card or Equivalent:

In completing the Blue Card, or equivalent record, pre-kindergarten providers or school staff must enter all immunization dates. Staff must record all vaccine dates (month, day and year) from the child's immunization record and complete the status of requirements section. For transfer students, you may use the previous school's Blue Card if it is available.

Transfers Between Schools

When the record is received from the other school:

- If the child does not have the required immunization doses, allow no more than 10(0-10) school days for the parents to submit records for any remaining doses due.
- If you do not receive documentation of receipt of the doses due after the 10 school days, the child must be excluded from attendance until proper documentation is submitted to the school.
- The previous school has up to 30 days if the receiving school district chooses to submit previous records.

Admitting Homeless or Foster Transfer Students:

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act/California law requires schools to enroll new students who are homeless even if their immunization records are missing or unavailable at the time of enrollment. The law still requires that the school obtain the students immunization record and ensure that these students meet all immunization requirements. For foster students, Education Code section 48853.5 requires that within two business days of all foster child's request for school enrollment, the educational liaison for the school last attended shall provide all records to the new school within two business days of receiving the request.

Admitting Students from another Country:

For children entering school from another country, obtain immunization records from the parents. Do not wait for a record from the previous country. Do not allow any grace period, but refer families without personal records, who are missing doses, or with foreign records that you cannot understand to their physician or local health department.

Conditional Admissions:

The school shall review records of any pupil admitted conditionally to a school at least every 30 days from the date of admission, inform the parent or guardian of the remaining required vaccine doses until all required immunizations are received or an exemption is filed, and update the immunization information in the pupil's record. If a child has not received all immunization doses which are currently due, the child must not be admitted until all doses currently due are received and documentation is provided.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS K-12:

Dose	Earliest Dose May Be Given	Exclude If Not Given By
Polio #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3 ¹	4 weeks after 2nd dose	12 months after 2nd dose
Polio #4 ¹	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
DTaP #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
DTaP #3 ²	4 weeks after 2nd dose	8 weeks after 2nd dose
DTaP #4	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
DTaP #5	6 months after 4th dose	12 months after 4th dose
Hep B #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Hep B #3	8 weeks after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	12 months after 2nd dose
MMR #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	4 months after 1st dose
Varicella #2	Age less than 13 years: 3 months after 1st dose	4 months after 1st dose
Varicella #2	Age 13 years and older: 4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION K-12:

Grade	Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization ^{1,2,3}				
K-12 Admission	4 Polio ⁴	5 DTaP ⁵	3 Hep B ⁴	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th) ⁸	K-12 doses + 1 Tdap				
7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10}	1 Tdap ⁸				2 Varicella ¹⁰

PRE-K ADMISSIONS:

Age When Admitted	Total Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization ^{1,2,3}				
2 through 3 months	1 Polio	1 DTaP	1 Hep B	1 Hib	
4 through 5 months	2 Polio	2 DTaP	2 Hep B	2 Hib	
6 through 14 months	2 Polio	3 DTaP	2 Hep B	2 Hib	
15 through 17 months	3 Polio	3 DTaP	2 Hep B	1 Varicella	
	On or after the 1st birthday:			1 Hib ⁴	1 MMR
18 months through 5 years	3 Polio	4 DTaP	3 Hep B	1 Varicella	
	On or after the 1st birthday:			1 Hib ⁴	1 MMR

YK-12 ADMISSIONS:



PRE-K ADMISSIONS:



If, after a child is admitted, he or she is discovered to lack one or more immunizations, the parent or guardian must be notified. In this circumstance, state regulations allow no more than 10 school days after you notify the parent of the missing immunization(s) to show proof that the child received the missing vaccine(s) doses.