



**Department of Public Health**  
**Communicable Disease Section**

# California School Immunization Requirements

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This is a guide to determine which immunizations are required for a student entering a California school.

**GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY**  
**GRADES TK/K-12**



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)	<b>4 doses</b> (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	<b>4 doses</b> (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2nd birthday)	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	<b>5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT</b> (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	<b>4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td</b> (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.)	<b>1 dose of Tdap</b> (Or DTP/DTaP given on or after the 7th birthday.)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)	<b>2 doses</b> (Both given on or after 1st birthday. Only one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines are required if given separately.)	<b>1 dose</b> (Dose given on or after 1st birthday. Mumps vaccine is not required if given separately.)	<b>2 doses of MMR</b> or any measles-containing vaccine (Both doses given on or after 1st birthday.)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	<b>3 doses</b>		
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V, or VZV)	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>1 dose</b> for ages 7-12 years. <b>2 doses</b> 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.

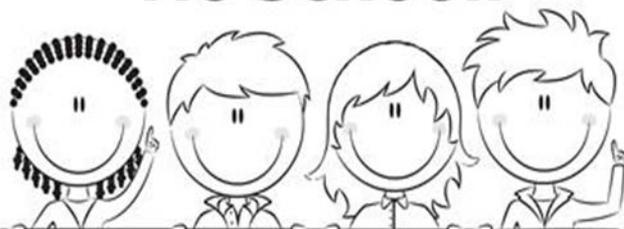
1. Notify parents of required immunizations and collect immunization records.
2. Copy the date of each vaccine from the child's immunization record to the California School Immunization Record (Blue Card, CDPH-286) and/or supplemental Tdap sticker [PM 286 S (01/11)] or enter into an approved electronic 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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**Questions?**  
 Visit [ShotsForSchool.org](http://ShotsForSchool.org)  
 or  
 Contact your local health department  
[tbl@doh.immunization](mailto:tbl@doh.immunization)

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## No Shots? No Records? No School.



Children will not be enrolled unless an immunization record is presented and immunizations are up-to-date.\*

\*Starting January 1, 2016, exemptions based on personal beliefs, including religious beliefs, are no longer allowed, as per new CA state law SB277.

If your child is currently on an exemption due to religious, personal, or medical reasons, please notify the school to see how this impacts your child's enrollment.

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- Schools must check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade prior to entry.

Schools should request parents to provide their child's immunization records at enrollment, rather than waiting for the cumulative folder to arrive.

- Transfer students are allowed to attend school for up to 30 school days until the cumulative folder arrives.
  - If the record does not arrive within the 30 day timeframe, or does not include the required immunizations, the student is excluded until immunization records are presented.

## **The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act:**

- Must immediately enroll new students who are homeless even if their immunization records are missing or unavailable at the time of enrollment.

## **California law requires schools to:**

- Immediately enroll foster children transferring to their school even if a foster child is unable to produce immunization records normally required for school entry.

Once a student who is homeless or a foster child is enrolled, school staff should:

- Work with the family and previously attended schools to obtain the student's immunization records quickly.
- Work with the student's medical provider or the Public Health Department to ensure these students receive vaccinations, if needed.

The law still requires the school to obtain the student's immunization record and ensure that these students have met all immunization requirements.

# California School Immunization Record

## CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RECORD

This record is part of the student's permanent record (cumulative folder) as defined in Section 49068 of the Education Code and shall transfer with that record. Local health departments shall have access to this record in schools, childcare facilities, and family day care homes.  
 This record must be completed by school and childcare personnel from an immunization record provided by parent or guardian.



Student Name: Jane Doe Sex:  M  F Birthdate: 10/15/2003 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: Susan Doe Race/Ethnicity:  White, not Hispanic  Hispanic  Black  Other: UNKNOWN CODE Address: 321 N. Main Street

Telephone: (213)351-2121 City: LOS ANGELES ZIP: 90010

VACCINE	DATE EACH DOSE WAS GIVEN				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
POLIO (OPV or IPV)	12/20/2003 IPV	03/04/2004 IPV	05/29/2004 DTaPHBIP		
DTP/DTaP/DT/d Diphtheria, tetanus and [acellular] pertussis OR tetanus and diphtheria only	12/20/2003 DTaP	03/04/2004 DTaP	05/29/2004 DTaPHBIP		
MMR (Measles, mumps, and rubella)					
Hib MENINGITIS Required for child care and preschool only. (Haemophilus B)	12/20/2003 Hib-HBV	03/04/2004 Hib-HBV			
HEPATITIS B	12/20/2003 Hib-HBV	03/04/2004 Hib-HBV	05/29/2004 DTaPHBIP		
VARICELLA (Chickenpox)					
HEPATITIS A (Not Required)					

TB SKIN TEST	Type*	Date Given	Date Read	mm indur	impression
<input type="checkbox"/>	PPD-Mantoux				<input type="checkbox"/> Pos
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other				<input type="checkbox"/> Neg
<input type="checkbox"/>	PPD-Mantoux				<input type="checkbox"/> Pos
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other				<input type="checkbox"/> Neg

\*If required for school entry, must be Mantoux unless exception granted by local health dept.

CHEST X-RAY (necessary if skin test positive.) Film Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Impression:  normal  abnormal  
 Person is free of communicable tuberculosis:  Yes  No

**I. DOCUMENTATION**  
 I certify that I reviewed a record of this child's immunizations and transcribed it accurately.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Record presented was  
 Yellow California Imen. Record  
 Out-of-state school record  
 Other immunization record

Specify: LINK #15142 3/1/2004

**II. STATUS OF REQUIREMENTS**  
 A. All requirements are met. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Currently up-to-date, but more doses are due later. needs follow up.

Exemption was granted for:  
 C. Medical Reasons - Permanent  
 D. Medical Reasons - Temporary  
 E. Personal Beliefs

**III. 7th GRADE ENTRY**  
 A. All requirements are met. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Currently up-to-date, but more doses are due later. needs follow up. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Must be completed and kept on file for every enrolled student.
- This record card is sometimes referred to by its initials (CSIR), number (CDPH 286), or Blue Card.



When completing the Blue Card, the parent may enter the identifying information on the top of the record, but **school staff must enter all immunization dates.**

- School staff must record all vaccination dates from the child's personal immunization record and complete the documentation section.
  - **Complete dates (month/day/year) should be used for all vaccine doses.**
- For transfer students, use the previous school's Blue Card if it is available.

- If the child has met all immunization requirements, under **section II of the Blue Card, Status of Requirements:**
  - ✓ Check Box A
  - ✓ Date when record was reviewed.





- If the child has not met all immunization requirements, **but their next dose is not currently due, check box B.**
- The child will be conditionally admitted at this time but must be followed up with, as indicated in the “Guide to Immunizations Required For School Entry.”

# Next Steps: If Requirements Are Not Met

- **Alert parents and refer student to their doctor or DPH clinic.** Schools cannot allow the child to attend school unless he/she has met all requirements or is not currently due for any immunizations.
- To avoid confusion, provide the parent with a written notice indicating what doses the student needs.

**NOTICE OF IMMUNIZATIONS NEEDED**

Dear Parent/Guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_

Our records show that your child needs the following immunization(s) to meet the requirements of the California School Immunization Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375:

VACCINE	MISSING DOSE(S) MARKED BELOW:				
POLIO	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	<input type="checkbox"/> #2	<input type="checkbox"/> #3	<input type="checkbox"/> #4	
DTaP (Tdap or Td if age 7 years or older.)	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	<input type="checkbox"/> #2	<input type="checkbox"/> #3	<input type="checkbox"/> #4	<input type="checkbox"/> #5
MMR	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	<input type="checkbox"/> #2			
Hib (child care/preschool only)	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	<input type="checkbox"/> #2	<input type="checkbox"/> #3	<input type="checkbox"/> #4	
HEPATITIS B	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	<input type="checkbox"/> #2	<input type="checkbox"/> #3		
VARICELLA (chickenpox)	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	<input type="checkbox"/> #2			
Tdap (for 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<input type="checkbox"/> #1				

**YOU NEED TO DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY:**

1. If your child has already received all of these Immunizations marked above, bring us the Immunization record so that we can update our files. Your child's record must include a date for the Immunizations checked above and the doctor's signature or stamp.
2. If your child hasn't already received all of the Immunizations marked above, bring this form along with your child's Immunization record to your doctor or local health department to get the Immunization(s) marked above. Bring us your child's updated Immunization record after every Immunization visit until all of the required Immunizations have been received.
3. If any of these Immunizations were not given to your child because of medical reasons, please bring us a letter from your doctor (licensed physician).

According to state law, we cannot allow your child to attend school unless we receive evidence that the above requirements are met by this date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information on school immunization requirements, visit [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org). If you have any questions or require additional information, please call \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

IMM 1140 (12-15)

**New Law (SB 277):**  
**In effect since Jan. 1, 2016**

Parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, are no longer allowed to submit a Personal Belief Exemption (PBE).



- Students are no longer required to have immunizations for entry if they attend:
  - A home-based private school or
  - An independent study program with no classroom-based instruction.
    - ❖ However, parents/guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to schools; and schools must continue to maintain and report immunization records received for these students.
- The immunization requirements do not prohibit students from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs (IEPs).

- Valid PBEs filed at a California school or child-care facility before January 1, 2016 will remain valid until the student enrolls in the next grade span.
  - ❖ Grade Spans are defined as:
    - ✓ Birth-Preschool
    - ✓ TK/Kindergarten (including grades 1-6)
    - ✓ 7-12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- PBEs may only be transferred between child-care facilities and schools in California, both within and across school districts.
- **However, if the PBE documentation is no longer available, students must meet immunization requirements based on their current age or grade.**

- Filed Before 2014:
  - ✓ Personal Beliefs affidavit on back of Blue Card or
  - ✓ Tdap PBE (CHDP 8261) signed & dated by parent
  
- Filed in 2014 or 2015:
  - ❖ Completed PBE form (CDPH 8262), including:
    - ✓ Student's name and date of birth
    - ✓ Parent/guardian's name and address
    - ✓ Section A. – Signature of an authorized health care practitioner licensed or credentialed in California and date of signing (not required if exemption was based on religious beliefs).
    - ✓ Section B. I. – Checkmark to indicate either *receipt of information* from practitioner or *religious beliefs* ; signature of parent/guardian and date of signing.
    - ✓ Section B. II. – Checkmark(s) to indicate which vaccines are being exempted; signature of parent/guardian and date of signing.

# Medical Exemptions

A temporary or permanent medical exemption to one or more of the required immunizations may be granted under certain circumstances if a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) provides written documentation verifying:

- The physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated.
- Which vaccines are being exempted.
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary.
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary.

**Medical Exemption to Required Immunizations**  
Optional Form for Licensed Physicians (MD or DO only)

STUDENT NAME (Last, First, Middle)	DATE OF BIRTH / /
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**Exemption Due to Physical Condition or Medical Circumstance**

I certify that the child has a physical condition or medical circumstance such that immunization otherwise required for admission to school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center in California is not considered safe. I understand that, for the protection of the child and other students, the child may be excluded from attending school for prolonged periods during outbreaks or exposure to disease for which immunization has not been completed. (17 CCR §5060).

**Immunizations Included in Exemption:**

Immunization	Duration of physical condition or medical circumstance
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> MMR	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary until date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent

**Comments or additional information:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<p>Licensed physician's name, address, and telephone number:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Signature: _____ MD / DO</p> <p>License Number: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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It is the responsibility of school staff to follow-up on all students conditionally admitted, that have doses due later. This means that each school must develop a follow-up system for these students and employ it consistently.



## Examples:

- Flag the CSIRs
- Separate file for CSIRs
- Index card file
- Calendar entry
- Run a query

## Follow-up system should include:

- Keeping lists of unimmunized (exempt or conditional entrant) children to refer to in case of disease outbreak.
- Reviewing records of chosen follow-up system monthly.
- Maintaining contact with parents. All parents should be sent a Notice of Immunizations Needed form.

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### Immunization Reporting

#### Login and Instructions

**Immunization Assessment Reporting Login >>**

#### Tools

- California School Immunization Record (Blue Card)
- Guide to Immunizations Required Child Care | K-12
- Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule

### New Laws

#### Personal Belief Exemptions

- New Law (SB 277) Effective in 2016 | FAQs | Spanish FAQs | Russian FAQs
- Summary of Current Law Expiring in 2016 (AB2109) | FAQs
- PBE Form (CDPH 8262) Spanish | Other Languages

#### Tdap for 7th Grade

- Summary of Law (AB 354)
- FAQs for Parents | Spanish
- FAQs for Schools and Providers
- Tools for Schools

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

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