

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

**THE NEW LAW AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016** requires that all students have current immunizations. Personal beliefs exemptions will no longer be allowed in any public or private California school.

Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380; California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Sections 6000-6075

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED AT REGISTRATION:

- Bring your child's Immunization Record. **YOU CANNOT REGISTER WITHOUT IT.** The Immunization Record must show the date for each required shot above. If you do not have an Immunization Record, or your child has not received all required shots, call your doctor now for an appointment.
- If a licensed physician determines a vaccine should not be given to your child because of medical reasons, submit a written statement from the physician for a **medical exemption** for the missing shot(s).
- You must also submit an immunization record for all required shots not exempted.
- Questions? Visit [ShotsForSchool.org](http://ShotsForSchool.org) or contact your local health department ([bit.do/immunization](http://bit.do/immunization)).

## WHY YOUR CHILD NEEDS SHOTS:

The California School Immunization Law requires that children be up to date on their immunizations (shots) to attend school. Diseases like measles and whooping cough (pertussis) spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter. California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten **through** 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry.

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 (DTaP, DTP, DT, or Tdap)	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 doses 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 MUST also meet the requirements for ages 7-17 years.

### **WHAT'S REQUIRED FOR A MEDICAL EXEMPTION TO A REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION?**

A parent or guardian must submit a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states:

- That 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.