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## Updated Child Care and School Immunization Regulations January 3, 2020

This is a reminder that new California childcare and school immunization regulations went into effect July 1, 2019. These updates align more closely with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

### **New Immunization Requirements for Students Admitted at TK/K-12<sup>th</sup>**

The following students will need proof of 2 (instead of 1) doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine before starting the 2019-2020 school year and all future school years:

- First entering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten (K)
- Admissions or transfers into any grade from TK/K through 12<sup>th</sup>
- Advancing into 7<sup>th</sup> grade

At admission or transfer, most TK/K-12 students also need:

- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine

7<sup>th</sup> grade students also need to meet TK/K-12 requirements if they:

- had personal beliefs exemptions in elementary school or
- are new admissions

### **New Immunization Requirements for Children in Child Care/Pre-Kindergarten**

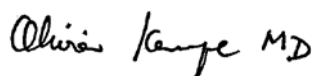
Chickenpox vaccine is required at age 15 months and older (this vaccine was previously required at age 18 months and older).

As children age into requirements, parents have 30 days to submit updated records showing the child has met the requirements. For example, when an already admitted child who is up-to-date on vaccinations turns 18 months old, the parents have 30 days from the day the child turns 18 months old to submit records that the child has received the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) vaccine and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of hepatitis B vaccine.

### **The links below contain additional information:**

- Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre- Kindergarten (Child Care): <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-230.pdf>
- Guide to Immunization Requirements for K- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-231.pdf>

Sincerely,



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