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To: Child Care Facility Managers
California County/District Superintendents, School Principals and Nurses

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Subject: Annual Immunization Assessment Reporting for 2021-2022

1. Annual Immunization Assessment Reporting for 2021-2022

[California Health and Safety Code Section 120375 and California Code of Regulations Section 6075](#) require all child care facilities and schools (including home schools) to review students' immunization records and report annually on their immunization status of students.

As in-person learning resumes, children may be exposed once again to serious vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and whooping cough. Additional efforts are needed to ensure students get caught up on routine immunizations that have been delayed during the pandemic. This fall 2021, schools will need to report the immunization status of:

- **TK/K and 1st graders** (report same doses separately for each cohort)
- **7th and 8th graders** (report same doses separately for each cohort)

Before reporting, please review the guidance at www.ShotsforSchool.org/reporting. Check that each student has in the cumulative file a complete and accurate:

- California School Immunization Record (CSIR or “Blue Card”), or
- Electronic record of required vaccinations (or stored in a computerized system).

If your school is closed or does not have students for the applicable ages or grades, please sign-in to report the school's closure or lack of students.

Quick Links

Reporting website: www.shotsforschool.org
 Reporting deadline: **January 31, 2022**
 Guidance: Child care <https://reporting.shotsforschool.org/CC/login.aspx>
 TK/K & 1st <https://reporting.shotsforschool.org/KG/login.aspx>
 7th & 8th <https://reporting.shotsforschool.org/7th/login.aspx>
 Password for log-in: **shotsforschool**





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2. Updates to Medical Exemption Immunization Requirements

This year CDPH launched the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption (CAIR-ME, <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions>) website to issue and track medical exemptions from required vaccines for children attending school or child care facilities. CAIR-ME was created in response to laws passed in 2019 (Senate Bills 276 and 714).

Once you receive a new medical exemption from an incoming enrollee, you may request access to CAIR-ME by emailing medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov. You will be able to look up medical exemptions in CAIR-ME for children attending your school or facility. Please visit <https://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/exemptions/> to see updated FAQs and additional information about immunization requirements.

3. Immunization Compliance Added to K-12 School Audits

In school year 2021-2022, the annual financial and compliance audits of public schools by local educational agencies will include an immunization component for schools with kindergarten or 7th grade that:

1. Did not submit immunization assessment reports or
2. Had conditional admission and overdue rates above 10% reported in the fall.

Schools found to have improperly admitted students that do not meet immunization requirements may be subject to docking of ADA payments for those children. For more information, see <http://eaap.ca.gov>.

4. Summary of Child Care Preschool Requirements

AGE WHEN ADMITTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{2,3}			
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

Complete version: [Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten](#) or [17 CCR 6025, Table A](#).



5. Summary of TK/K-12 Requirements

GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{1, 2, 3}				
K-12 Admission	4 Polio ⁴	5 DTaP ⁵	3 Hep B ⁶	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th) ⁸	K-12 doses	+ 1 Tdap			
7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10}		1 Tdap ⁸			2 Varicella ¹⁰

Complete version at: [Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry](#) or [17 CCR 6025, Table B](#).

6. SB 277 - Cessation of New Personal Belief Exemptions since 2016

Under Senate Bill 277, since January 1, 2016, personal belief exemptions from vaccines required for entry into child care facilities or school are no longer permitted.

In addition, immunization requirements do not apply to students who attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, schools must continue to report on these students, including homeschools that received this communication.

Reporting will continue to monitor all students who are missing vaccines for any reason, including reasons allowed by Senate Bill 277.

Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) should continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect California's schoolchildren from life-threatening diseases.

cc: Immunization Branch Field Representatives
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