

SCHOOLS BULLETIN

Immunization Updates from Sacramento County Public Health

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Additional Resources:

- [CDC Vaccines and Immunizations](#)
- [Stay Up to date with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [CDPH Immunization Branch](#)
- [Shots for School](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources](#)

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

California school immunization requirements and additional resources can be found below:

- [California Immunization Requirements for K-12th Grade](#)
- [California Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten](#)
- [California Immunization Handbook](#)
- [Resources for Parents/ Guardians](#)
- [California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch](#)
- [California School Immunization Law](#)
- [Medical Exemptions](#)
- [Notice of Immunizations Needed](#)
- [No Shots? No Records? No School. Poster](#)
- [Don't Wait to Vaccinate Toolkit](#)



CHANGE TO 7TH GRADE VARICELLA REQUIREMENT

As of July 1, 2025, there is no longer a requirement to verify two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students advancing to 7th grade. This change reflects the fact that most students will have already met the requirement in previous years as part of the existing immunization requirements for school entry.

However, the two dose varicella requirement will continue to apply to students who are newly admitted to any grade level, including 7th grade. Typically, a new [admission](#) refers to new students enrolling in a CA school or new school district for the first time and not simply promoting from one grade to the next within the same school district.

Schools will no longer be required to check for varicella immunizations at the time of 7th grade advancement after June 30, 2025. Immunization records should still be reviewed for all new admissions, regardless of grade level, to ensure compliance with all vaccine requirements. The California Department of Health FAQs site provides additional information about this [2019 regulation change](#).

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B

Hepatitis B is a virus that is spread through contact with infected blood and body fluids, including perinatal transmission. This can cause both acute and chronic liver disease. Chronic (long-term) infection is a major risk factor for developing liver cancer and chronic health issues, according to the [American Cancer Society](#) and the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#).

An effective vaccine is available to protect against this virus.

Sacramento County has a Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBP) for infants born to mothers who are carriers of hepatitis B. This program coordinates the testing and immunizations of susceptible family members and household contacts and assists families to stop the spread of perinatal hepatitis B.

The PHBP Case Management Nurse is available for guidance and education. Please call (916) 875- 7468 and request to speak to the Sacramento County Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management Nurse.

THE CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY (CAIR2)

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) is a confidential and secure statewide system used to record and track immunizations. Assembly Bill (AB) 1797 requires healthcare organizations to [enroll in CAIR2](#) and record all immunizations administered. The law also mandates that race and ethnicity must be recorded in CAIR2 when entering the administered vaccinations. Providers are required to document vaccine administration in the medical record system within 24 hours of administration and report doses administered to [CAIR2](#) within 72 hours.

To learn more, see [AB 1797 FAQs](#). Please take a moment to verify that all immunization records from your Electronic Health Record (EHR) are transferring to CAIR2.

VACCINE STORAGE COMPETENCE

To maintain vaccine effectiveness, all vaccines must be stored within the temperature ranges recommended by the manufacturer. The California Department of Public Health provides detailed guidance and [job aids](#) on the [EZIZ website](#) covering best practices for vaccine storage units, digital data loggers, and temperature monitoring.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinics by appointment for eligible individuals (e.g. uninsured, Medi-Cal eligible or enrolled, American Indian or Alaska Native) under 19 years of age. Additionally, SCPH:

- Can assist School Nurses and Health Aides with any immunization questions
- Provides immunization services to children and adults
- Offers vaccine assistance to children experiencing homelessness

Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email immunize@sacounty.gov to schedule an appointment.

MEASLES

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently updated its [Be Ready for Measles Toolkit for K-12 Schools](#) which includes [Preparing and Responding to Measles: Checklist for K-12 Schools](#) and [Preparing and Responding to Measles: Checklist for Early Care and Education Centers](#). These resources should be implemented in coordination with the local health department.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINATION AND CANCER PREVENTION ACT IMPLEMENTATION IN CALIFORNIA

The most recent 2025-2026 school update from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Shots for School highlights information about [back-to-school vaccinations and the Cancer Prevention Act in California](#).

The [Cancer Prevention Act, Assembly Bill No. 659](#), was effective January 1, 2024. This requires schools to notify 6th grade parents or legal guardians about recommendations for human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV). HPV is not required by California law. However, it is important to strongly recommend HPV vaccine to prevent cancers that can be caused by HPV.

More information about HPV and the HPV vaccine can be found below:

- [Human Papillomavirus: A Parent's Guide to Preteen and Teen HPV Vaccination](#)
- [Human Papillomavirus: What You Need to Know](#)
- [HPV Vaccination Recommendations](#)

DIGITAL VACCINE RECORD

is an official electronic immunization record generated from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2).

[Discover more about how parents/ guardians can access their children's DVR.](#)



IMMUNIZATION REPORTING

Annual immunization assessment reporting for the 2025-2026 school year will open September 1st. The deadline is December 5th, 2025. Early reporting is encouraged. Reports can be revised until the deadline date. [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 student immunization records and report annually on the immunization status of their students attending Pre-kindergarten/Child Care (ages 2-5 years), TK/K, or 7th grade. Immunization Reporting guidance can be found [here](#).

Schools will continue to report using [CAIR Hub](#) again this year. New users need to register for a CAIR Hub account (SCRL users already have one).

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website offers [free online trainings](#) for schools TK–12th grades and for Child Care. These interactive modules are designed to support your efforts in implementing school immunization requirements.

Sacramento County Public Health staff are available to help schools and Child Care centers with questions regarding reporting. Please email immunize@saccounty.gov or call Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at (916) 875- 7468.