



# School Immunization Requirements

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# California School Immunization Law

## California Health and Safety Code, Section 120325-120375

Under these statutes, children in California are required to receive certain immunizations in order to attend **public and private** elementary and secondary schools, childcare centers, family day care homes, nursery schools, day nurseries, and developmental centers (pre-kindergarten facilities).

Schools, and pre-kindergarten facilities are required to enforce immunization requirements, maintain immunization records of all children enrolled, and submit annual reports.



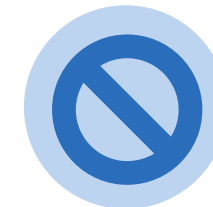
# Schools Are Required To:



**Check & maintain immunization records**



**Report IZ data to CDPH every fall**



**Exclude overdue children**

# California Requirements Unchanged

- CA law (AB 144) authorizes CDPH to set official vaccine guidelines.
- California school and childcare vaccine requirements remain the same despite recent federal changes.
- All vaccines recommended by CDPH, including those required for child care or school, continue to be covered by insurance in California.
- Guidance based on recommendations from medical/scientific orgs, such as:
  - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
  - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
  - American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)



California Immunization Requirements for

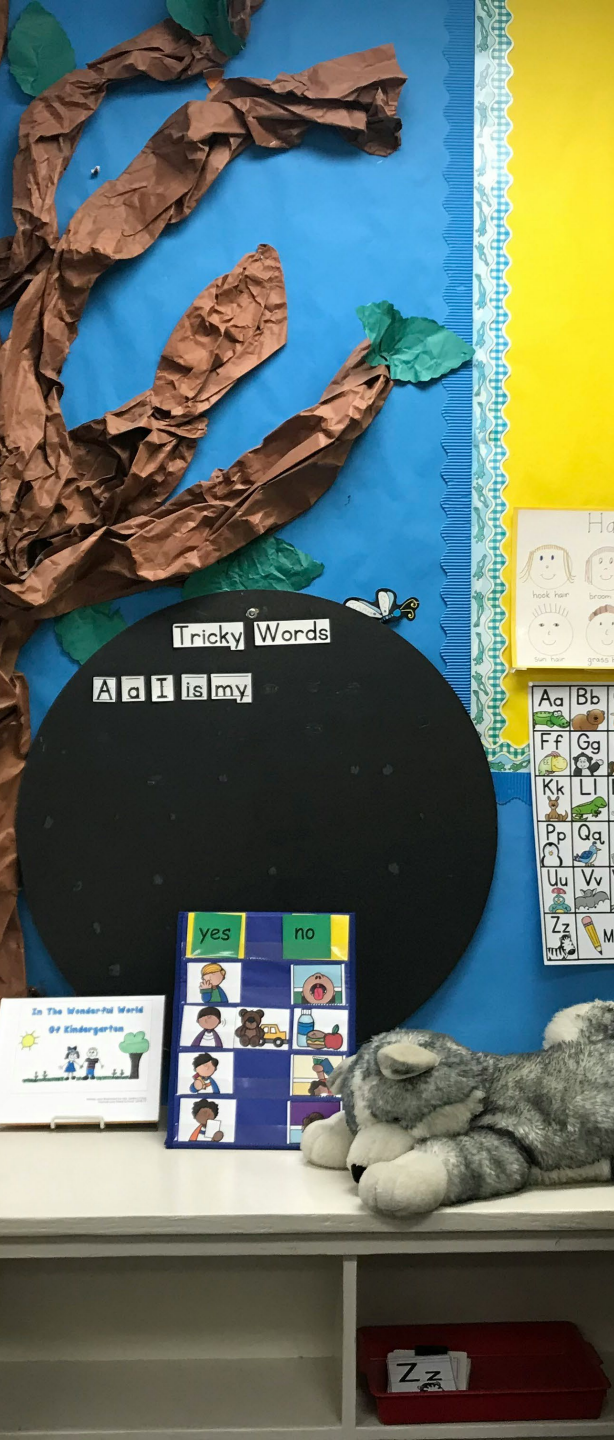
# Pre-Kindergarten



(any private or public child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center)

**Doses required by age when admitted and at each age checkpoint after entry<sup>1</sup>:**

| Age When Admitted         | Total Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization <sup>2,3</sup> |        |                    |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| 2 through 3 months        | 1 Polio                                                            | 1 DTaP | 1 Hep B            | 1 Hib       |
| 4 through 5 months        | 2 Polio                                                            | 2 DTaP | 2 Hep B            | 2 Hib       |
| 6 through 14 months       | 2 Polio                                                            | 3 DTaP | 2 Hep B            | 2 Hib       |
| 15 through 17 months      | 3 Polio                                                            | 3 DTaP | 2 Hep B            | 1 Varicella |
|                           | On or after the 1st birthday:                                      |        | 1 Hib <sup>4</sup> | 1 MMR       |
| 18 months through 5 years | 3 Polio                                                            | 4 DTaP | 3 Hep B            | 1 Varicella |
|                           | On or after the 1st birthday:                                      |        | 1 Hib <sup>4</sup> | 1 MMR       |



California Immunization Requirements for

# K–12<sup>th</sup> Grade

(including transitional kindergarten)



| Grade                                 | Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> |                     |                      |                    |             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| K-12 Admission                        | 4 Polio <sup>4</sup>                                             | 5 DTaP <sup>5</sup> | 3 Hep B <sup>6</sup> | 2 MMR <sup>7</sup> | 2 Varicella |
| (7th-12th) <sup>8</sup>               | K-12 doses + 1 Tdap                                              |                     |                      |                    |             |
| 7th Grade Advancement <sup>9,10</sup> | 1 Tdap <sup>8</sup>                                              |                     |                      |                    |             |

# CA Immunization Registry



**Digital vaccination database**



**Providers required to log vaccinations**



**Schools can access to verify compliance**

# Exemptions

- Only medical exemptions are permitted.
- Can only be issued by MDs or DOs licensed in CA.
- Must meet American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) criteria.
- Physicians issuing 5 or more medical exemptions per year are subject to review by CDPH.

# SCPH Immunization Assistance Program



**Training & technical assistance for schools**



**Targeted vaccination clinics**



**Monitor compliance & track data**

# Kindergarten School Vaccinations Dashboard

[Dashboard](#) and [Map](#):

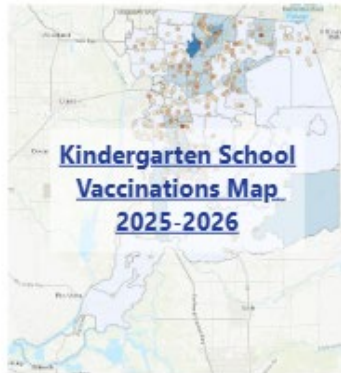
- Vaccination data by school type, district, & individual school
- Data by individual vaccine or all required vaccines
- Utilizes CAIR data
- Based on December 2025 reporting. Changes in immunization rates since then will not be reflected.

## Kindergarten School Vaccinations

In California, children are required to receive certain vaccines in order to attend school. These vaccines help prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases, keeping kids safe and healthy.

Children attending kindergarten are required to have the following vaccines:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- Polio
- Varicella (chickenpox)



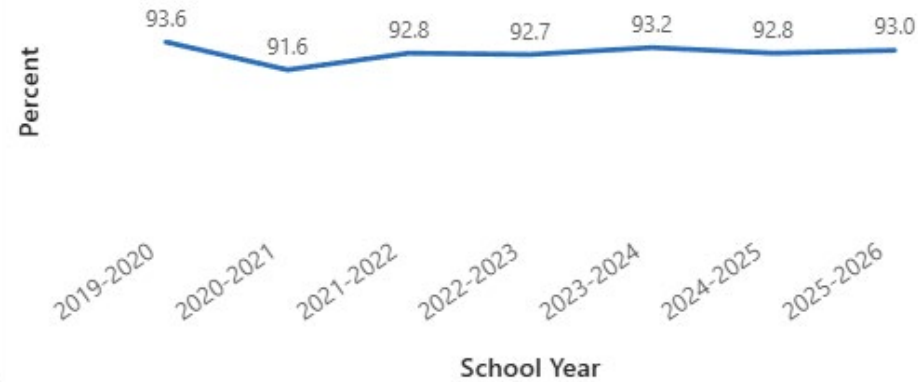
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All

Private

Public

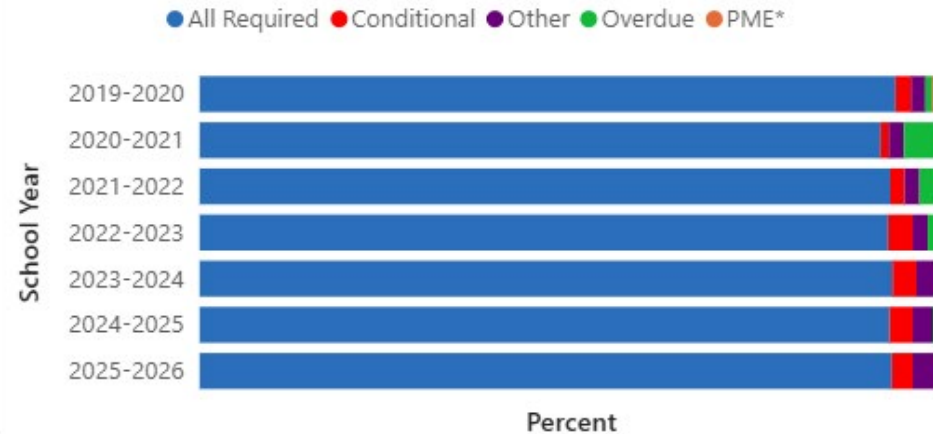
### Kindergarten Students Up-to-Date on Required Vaccines



### Vaccine

- ☒ All Required
- ☐ DTaP
- ☐ HepB
- ☐ MMR
- ☐ Polio
- ☐ Varicella

### Kindergarten Students by Admission Status



\*PME - permanent medical exemption



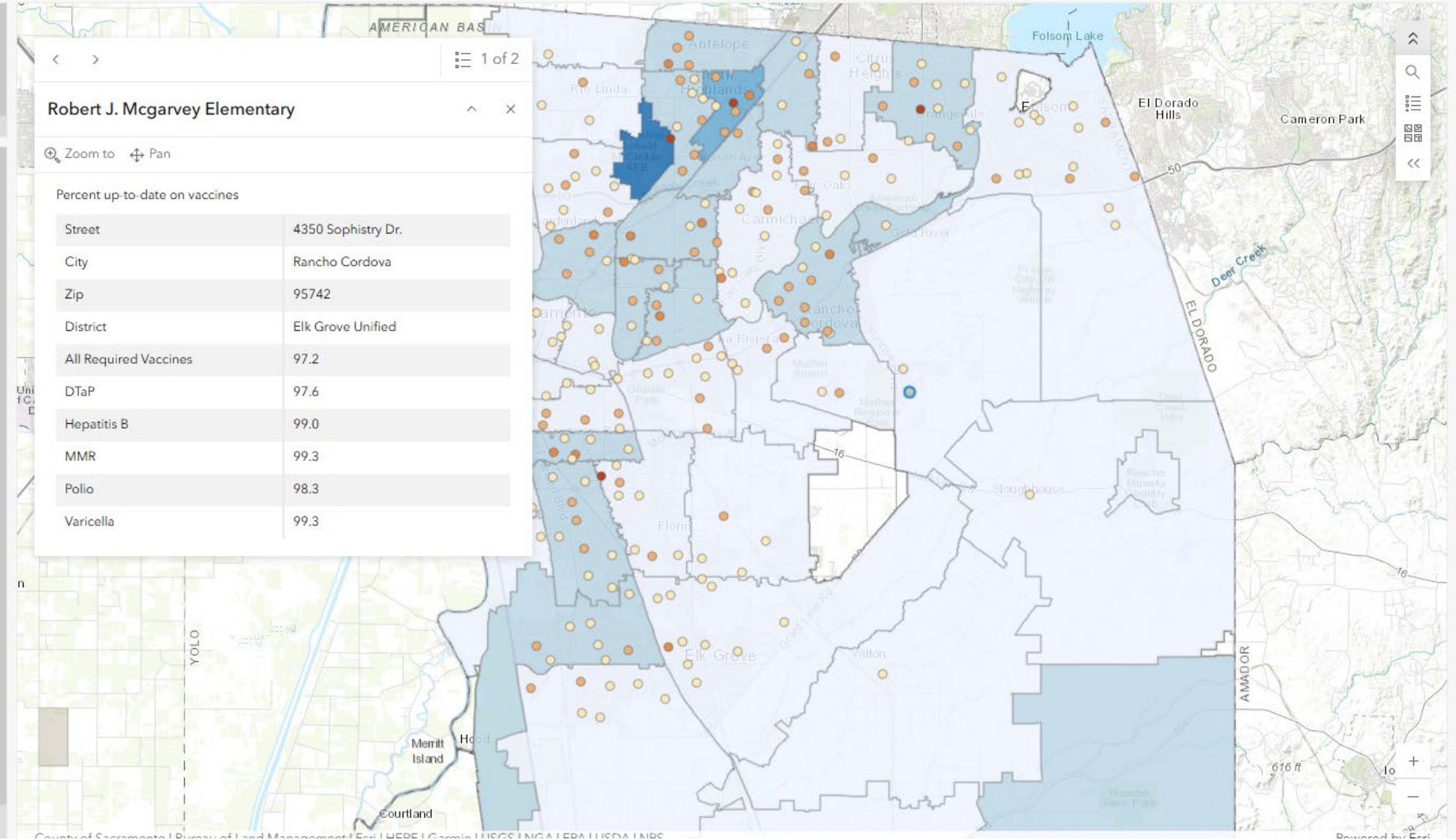
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Children attending kindergarten are required to have the following vaccines:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP): 5 doses
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR): 2 doses
- Polio: 4 doses
- Varicella: 2 doses

This map shows the vaccination status of kindergarten students attending schools in Sacramento County and the vaccination status of kindergarten students by school zip code.

Notes: Vaccination rates are not shown for schools with less than 20 students enrolled or more than 50% of students attending other programs (i.e. home-based private school, independent study program, or individualized education program) as vaccination is



Legend

School Vaccinations 2025-2026

All Required Vaccines

- 95.0 - 100
- 90.0 - 94.9
- 80.0 - 89.9
- < 80.0

School Vaccinations by Zip Code

All Required Vaccines

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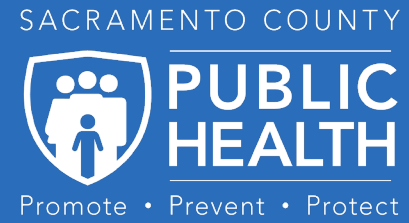
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# Grandparents for Vaccines

- Volunteer-driven non-profit movement to mobilize the voices of grandparents to share how vaccines changed their lives for the better.
- Interested in partnering with PHAB





# Thank You!