



Welcome to

2019 CHANGES TO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



Still the same...

California's immunization requirements still apply before admission into public and private facilities:

- Elementary and secondary schools, including
 - Charter schools
 - Schools with military dependents
 - Schools with boarders from out-of-state
- Child care centers, day nurseries, nursery schools, family day care homes, and development centers
 - (Minimal changes under new regulations)

New Regulations

Effective July 1, 2019

California Code of Regulations Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4

Subchapter 8. Immunization Against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib), Hepatitis B, and Varicella

Article 1. General

§ 6000. Definitions and Abbreviations.

- (a) "Admission" means a pupil's first attendance in a school or pre-kindergarten facility or re-entry after withdrawing from a previous enrollment.
- (1) "Unconditional admission" is admission based upon documented receipt of all required immunizations for the pupil's age or grade, in accordance with section 6025, except for those immunizations:
- (A) permanently exempted for medical reasons in accordance with section 6051, or
 - (B) exempted for personal beliefs in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 120335.
- (2) "Conditional admission" is provisional admission for a pupil who has received some but not all required immunizations and is not due for any vaccine dose at the time of admission in accordance with sections 6035 and 6050.

<http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-1080.pdf>

Goals of Regulation Changes

Updates to reflect

- Current national immunization recommendations
- Changes in California statutes over last decade

Clarify and simplify when possible

- Definitions
- Requirements TK/K-12
- Tables
- Formatting
- Organization

Changes - Definitions – 17 CCR 6000

Clarifications include:

- “Kindergarten” includes transitional kindergarten (TK)
- “Pre-kindergarten” – child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, etc.
(But not TK, which is combined with K)
- “Licensed physician” = licensed in California

Changes - Requirements

- **To align with US recommendations since 2007, 2 (↑ from 1) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for**
 - TK/K entry
 - 7th grade advancement – catch-up thru 2025
 - TK/K-12 - new admission or transfer
- **Remove age and date restrictions**
 - Mumps, hepatitis B, Hib, pertussis, chickenpox
- **Admission/transfer for TK/K-12:**
 - 2 doses MMR
 - 3 doses Hep B (when allowed by statute)

Before: TK/K-12 Admission Table

Table 1: Immunization Requirements (continued)

Institution	Age	Vaccine	Total Doses Received
Elementary school at kindergarten level and above	4-6 years	Polio ¹	4 doses, except that a total of 3 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday
		DTP, or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanustoxoids	5 doses, except that a total of 4 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday
		Measles, rubella, and mumps	1 dose of each, separately or combined, on or after the 1st birthday. Pupils entering a kindergarten (or first grade kindergarten skipped) are required to have 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both given on or after the first birthday
		Hepatitis B ²	3 doses
		Varicella	1 dose
Elementary school, secondary school	7-17 years	Polio ¹	4 doses, except that a total of 3 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 2nd birthday
		Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine given as DTP, DT, Td, or Tdap	At least 3 doses. One more dose is required if the last dose was given before the 2nd birthday
		Measles and rubella (mumps not required)	1 dose of each, separately or combined, on or after the 1st birthday. (See below for additional requirements for 7th grade enrollment, effective 7/1/99.)
		Varicella ³	1 dose aged 7 through 12 years for students not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001. 2 doses for students aged 13 through 17 years not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001.
Seventh Grade	Any	Tdap ^{4,7}	1 dose on or after the 7 th birthday
		Measles ⁴	2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both given on or after the first birthday.
Eighth through Twelfth Grades ⁴	Any pupil under 18 years	Tdap ^{4,7}	1 dose on or after the 7 th birthday
Any	18 years and older	None	

¹ Oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or any combination of these vaccines is acceptable.

² Applies only to children entering at kindergarten level (or at first grade level if kindergarten skipped) or below on or after August 1, 1997. Applies only to children entering at kindergarten level (or at first grade level if kindergarten skipped) or below on or after August 1, 1997.

³ Required only for children who have not reached the age of 4 years 6 months.

⁴ Applies only to children (of any age) entering or advancing to the seventh grade on or after July 1, 1999.

New TK/K-12 Admission Table

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	1 Tdap				
7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10}	1 Tdap ⁸				2 Varicella ¹⁰

TK/K Admission

Vaccine	Doses required	
	Starting July 1, 2019	Before July 1, 2019
Varicella	2	1
MMR	2*	same**
Hep B	3	same
Polio	4	same
DTaP	5	same

* **New** requirements also met by 2 doses measles, **2 doses mumps**, and 1 dose rubella vaccine.

** Prior requirements also met by 2 doses measles, 1 dose mumps, and 1 dose rubella vaccine.

Grades 1-12 Admission

Vaccine	Doses required	
	Starting July 1, 2019	Before July 1, 2019
Varicella	2	Age 7-12 years: 1 Age 13-17 years: same
MMR	2*	1-2**
Hepatitis B	3^	0
Polio	4	same
DTaP	5	same

* **New** requirements also met by 2 doses measles, **2 doses mumps**, and 1 dose rubella vaccine.

** Prior requirements also met by:

Age 7-17 years: 1 dose measles, 0 doses mumps, and 1 dose rubella vaccine.

7th grade: 2 doses measles, 0 doses mumps, and 0 doses rubella vaccine.

7th Grade Advancement

Vaccine	Doses required	
	Starting July 1, 2019	Before July 1, 2019
Varicella	2	(1 at admission)
Tdap	1	same

Changes - Requirements

- As the new requirements reflect longstanding recommendations, many children have already met the new requirements.
- In one large school district, more than 95% of students in the 5 largest K and 7th Grade schools already have 2 doses of varicella vaccine noted in school records

New Footnotes on Admission Table

- Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines.
- Any vaccine administered 4 or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid. (“Grace period”)
- Requirements apply to transfer students.
- For children in ungraded schools, pupils 12 years and older are subject to the 7th grade advancement requirements.

Before: K-12 Conditional Table

Table 2: Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule

Vaccine	Dose	Time Intervals
Polio¹	1 st dose	Before admission
	2 nd dose	As early as 6 weeks but no later than 10 weeks after the 1 st dose. Before admission if 10 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission.
	3 rd dose	As early as 6 weeks but no later than 12 months after the 2 nd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 2 nd dose at the time of admission.
	4 th dose (Required only for entry to kindergarten level or above)	Age 4-6 years: If the 3 rd dose was given before the 4 th birthday one more dose is required before admission. Age 7-17 years: If the 3 rd dose was given before the 2 nd birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis FOR PUPILS UNDER AGE 7 YEARS: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 1 st dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission.
	3 rd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 2 nd dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 2 nd dose at the time of admission.
	4 th dose	As early as 6 months but no later than 12 months after the 3 rd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 3 rd dose at the time of admission.
	5 th dose (Required only for pupils ages 4-6 years for entry to kindergarten level and above)	If the 4 th dose was given before the 4 th birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
OR FOR PUPILS AGE 7 YEARS AND OLDER: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP, Tdap) and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 1 st dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission.
	3 rd dose	As early as 6 months but no later than 12 months after the 2 nd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 2 nd dose at the time of admission.
	4 th dose	If the 3 rd dose was given before the 2 nd birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
	One Tdap dose	Before 7 th through 12 th grade entry.
Measles Note: For children entering kindergarten (or first grade if kindergarten is skipped) on or after August 1, 1997, two doses are required. For children entering 7 th grade on or after July 1, 1999, the series shall be in	One dose only	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached.
	1 st dose	Before admission.
	2 nd dose	As early as 1 month but no later than 3 months after the 1 st dose.

New Conditional Schedule Table

DOSE	EARLIEST DOSE MAY BE GIVEN	EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY
Polio #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3	4 weeks after 2nd dose	12 months after 2nd dose
Polio #4¹	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
DTaP #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
DTaP #3²	4 weeks after 2nd dose	8 weeks after 2nd dose
DTaP #4	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
DTaP #5	6 months after 4th dose	12 months after 4th dose
Hep B #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Hep B #3	8 weeks after 2nd dose	12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose
MMR #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	4 months after 1st dose
Varicella #2	Age less than 13 years: 3 months after 1st dose	4 months after 1st dose
	Age 13 years and older: 4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose

1. Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
2. If DTaP #3 is the final required dose, DTaP #3 should be given at least six months after DTaP #2, and pupils should be excluded if not given by 12 months after second dose. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the seventh birthday. One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement.

Changes – Blue Card

- Tdap row added (instead of sticker)
- New layout
- Blue Card may still be used, but so may other equivalent systems
 - Record on file must contain all elements listed in section 6070, which are included in Blue Card
 - Old Blue Cards may continue to be used (or update if desired)



CALIFORNIA PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Pre-kindergarten facility and school staff must record the required vaccine dose information and status of requirements for each pupil. *See reverse side for guidance.*

PUPIL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	STATEWIDE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (SSID)	ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	RACE <input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (LAST, FIRST)	BIRTHDATE (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)	SEX	

REQUIRED VACCINE	DATE EACH DOSE WAS GIVEN (MM/DD/YY)					Permanent Medical Exemption	Notes for School Requirements
	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH		
IPV / OPV (Polio)	/ /	/					1 dose given at age ≥ 7 years meets requirement for 7th grade advancement and 7th-12th grade admission.
DTaP / DTP – Age 0-6 years Tdap / Td – Age 7+ years (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	/ /	/					
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	/ / Age: _____ months	/					
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)	/ /	/					

<h2>Tdap – 7th Grade</h2> <p>(Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)</p>	<h2>4 / 13 / 18</h2> <p>Age: <u>11</u> years</p>	At least 1 dose must be given at age ≤ 1 year.
		3 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement.
		2 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement.
		1 dose given at age ≥ 7 years meets requirement for 7 th grade advancement and 7 th -12 th grade admission.

STATUS OF REQUIREMENTS	Staff Initials <i>I reviewed pupil's immunization record</i>	Has All Required Vaccine Doses	Requires Follow-up			Follow-up Date(s) (See conditional admission schedule or exemption end date)	Other <i>See codes on reverse side</i>	Date Requirements Met
			Temporary Medical Exemption	Missing Doses Not Currently Due—Conditional	Missing Doses Are Overdue—Needs Doses Now			
Pre-Kindergarten (Child care or preschool)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> PBE (pre-2016)	/ /
TK/K-12		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> PBE (pre-2016)	/ /
7 th Grade (Advancement or admission)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> Home	/ /

Changes - Exemptions

Medical exemptions:

- Must be signed by a **California-licensed MD/DO**
- Must state the specific nature of medical condition or circumstance
- Temporary exemptions
 - Maximum duration of 12 months
 - Renewable

Comparison of Exemption Criteria TK/K-12 Admission

Exemption Type	Starting July 1, 2019	Expiring Requirements
Permanent Medical & Temporary Medical	Statement must include specific nature of medical condition or circumstance	General statement about physical condition or medical circumstance acceptable
	Statement must be signed	Signature not specified
	Physician must be licensed in California	Location of licensure not specified
Temporary Medical	12-month limit	No time limit specified
Personal Beliefs	Reflects SB 277 Reference to California Health and Safety Code Section 120335	

Complete details in 17 CCR sections 6000, 6050, and 6051

Steps you can take now to prepare: Schools

- Record all varicella vaccine doses for admissions on the Blue Card or School Information System
- Compile lists of (at least) 6th grade students for 2018-2019 (likely 7th graders in 2019-2020) with no record of a 2nd dose of varicella vaccine – Use for reminders in 2019
- Check CAIR for additional doses not on file
- Check ShotsForSchool.org for resources to use in registration packets for fall admission

More information...

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Shots for School website. At the top right, there is a language selector for "En Español" and a search bar. The main header features the "Shots for School" logo, which includes a red apple with a yellow bandage. Below the logo is a navigation menu with five purple buttons: "Child Care", "K-12", "7TH Grade", "College", and "Laws".

The page is divided into several content areas:

- Featured Resources:** A list of links including "Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry (2019) | Spanish (2018)", "Vaccine Catch-up for Age 7+ Years", "Letter to Parents: Immunizations Needed | Spanish", "No Shots? No Records? No School. Poster | Spanish", "Archived CIC Webinar: Immunizations and School Admission", and "FAQs About Immunizations, Conditional Entry, and More".
- News:** A section with a "News" heading and a list of articles: "New Regulations—Effective July 1, 2019 >>", "2017-18 Kindergarten Immunization Rates Are Available >>", "Immunization Requirements 101 for Child Care | TK/K-12 | Conditional Admissions", and "Emails from California Department of Public Health >>". To the right of the text is an image of a teacher and four students looking at a globe in a classroom.
- Immunization Reporting:** A section with the heading "Immunization Reporting" and text stating "Reporting for the 2018-19 school year is live. Deadline to report was November 1st for all cohorts."
- Changes to Requirements:** A section with the heading "Changes to Requirements" and a sub-heading "New Regulations", followed by a link: "New Regulations—Effective July 1, 2019".

- Child care and school IZ requirement materials at: www.shotsforschool.org
- Email: info@shotsforschool.org

Materials for schools and parents...

CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR

K – 12TH GRADE (including transitional kindergarten)



GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{1, 2, 3}				
K-12 Admission	4 Polio⁴	5 DTaP⁵	3 Hep B⁶	2 MMR⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th)⁸	1 Tdap				
7th Grade Advancement^{9,10}	1 Tdap⁸			2 Varicella¹⁰	

1. Requirements for K-12 admission also apply to transfer pupils.
2. Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.
3. Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
4. Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
5. Four doses of DTaP meet the requirement if at least one
6. For seventh grade admission, refer to Health and Safety Code section 120335, subdivision (c).
7. Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Only doses administered on or after the first birthday meet the requirement.
8. For 7th-12th graders, at least one dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after the seventh birthday.
9. For children in ungraded schools, pupils 12 years and older are subject to the seventh grade advancement require

Materials for schools and parents...

GUÍA DE REQUISITOS DE VACUNACIÓN PARA

GRADOS K-12 (incluyendo kínder transición)



GRADO	NÚMERO DE DOSIS REQUERIDAS DE CADA VACUNA ^{1, 2, 3}				
Ingreso a K-12	4 Polio⁴	5 DTaP⁵	3 Hep B⁶	2 MMR⁷	2 Varicela
(7°-12°)⁸	1 Tdap				
Paso a 7° grado ^{9,10}	1 Tdap⁸			2 Varicela¹⁰	

- Los requisitos para ingresar a K-12 también aplican a alumnos de transferencia.
- Las vacunas combinadas (por ejemplo, MMRV) cumplen con los requisitos para componentes individuales de vacunas. Las dosis de DTP cuentan hacia el requisito de DTaP.
- Cualquier vacuna administrada cuatro días o menos antes de la edad mínima requerida es válida.
- Tres dosis de la vacuna contra la polio cumplen con el requisito si por lo menos una de las dosis se aplicó al cumplir los cuatro años de edad o después.
- Cuatro dosis de la vacuna DTaP cumplen con el requisito si por lo menos una de las dosis se aplicó al cumplir los cuatro años de edad o después. Tres dosis cumplen con el requi-
- Para el paso a 7° grado, consulte al Código de Salud y Seguridad, sección 120335, subdivisión (c).
- Dos dosis de la vacuna contra el sarampión, dos dosis de la vacuna contra las paperas y una dosis de la vacuna contra la rubéola cumplen el requisito, por separado o en conjunto. Sólo las dosis administradas al cumplir el 1er año de edad o después cumplen con el requisito.
- Se requiere al menos una vacuna con protección contra la pertussis (tos ferina) administrada al cumplir los siete años de edad o después para todos los alumnos de 7°-12° grado.
- Para niños en escuelas sin grados, los alumnos de 12 años de edad o mayor necesitan cumplir con los requisitos para el paso a 7° grado.



FAQs



New Regulations (July 1, 2019)

Frequently Asked Questions

Tdap Requirement for Parents

New Regulations (July 1, 2019)

Tdap Requirement for Schools and Providers

All Required Vaccines Rate FAQ

ShotsForSchool > Frequently Asked Questions > New Regulations (July 1, 2019)

New Pre-kindergarten (Child Care) and School Immunization Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When do the new regulations go into effect?
2. What are the new immunization dose requirements for school (TK/K-12)?
3. What's DIFFERENT about the new immunization dose requirements for school (TK/K-12)?
4. What's the SAME about the new immunization dose requirements for school (TK/K-12)?
5. What's DIFFERENT about the new immunization requirements for pre-kindergarten (child care or preschool)?
6. Where can I find the immunization regulations?
7. Do students admitted in previous school years have to meet the new requirements in the 2019-2020 school year?
8. Do the new regulations affect the availability of personal beliefs exemptions (PBEs) in California?
9. For students admitted to school prior to the 2019-2020 school year, do schools need to transfer information from students' existing Blue Cards to the new Blue Card?

Medical Exemptions

10. For admissions on or after July 1, 2019, what is required for a medical exemption to a required immunization?

Your Questions



What documentation is needed for a child with a confirmed history of chickenpox disease?



Chickenpox disease has become uncommon (<1% of children) because of immunization.



Many recent cases have been harder to diagnose.

Parental history of disease by itself is insufficient to meet school requirements.

A physician may use medical exemption documentation for a child who has had physician-confirmed chickenpox disease.

What do I do with a 7th grader who has not received any doses of DTaP?



- The new (and old) requirements and national recommendations are met by doses given on or after the 7th birthday of:
1 Tdap + 2 more of Td or Tdap
- 3 such doses meet the DTaP requirement for TK/K-12
- 1 or 2 doses of Td vaccine given on or after the 7th birthday can count towards the DTaP requirement.

Vaccine Catch-up for School

For Age 7+ years with No Record of Immunizations

[eziz.org/assets/docs/
shotsforschool/
IMM-1265.pdf](http://eziz.org/assets/docs/shotsforschool/IMM-1265.pdf)

Thanks for protecting California's children!

