

# The California School Immunization Law

Children must have their immunizations before they can attend school or child care in California. Parents must present their child's immunization records to school or child care staff prior to admission as proof of immunization. Health care providers are required to give or update the parent's copy of the child's immunization record whenever these immunizations are administered.

Vaccine	Required Doses	
Polio (OPV and/or IPV)	4 doses, at any age, but . . .	3 doses meet requirement for ages 4-6 if at least one was given on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday; 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was given on or after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday.
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis <u>Age 6 years and under (Pertussis is required)</u> DTP, DtaP, or any combination of DTP or DtaP with DT (tetanus and diphtheria)	5 doses at any age, but . . .	4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
<u>Age 7 years and older (Pertussis is not required)</u> Td, DT, or DTP, DtaP or any combination of these	4 doses at any age, but . . .	3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was on or after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday. If last dose was given before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday, one more (Td) dose is required.
7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grades – all students (2011-12 school year) Tdap booster	1 dose	One booster dose after age 7 meets the requirement.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)		
Kindergarten	2 doses*	Both on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	2 doses**	Both on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday
Grades 1-6 and 8-12	1 dose	Must be on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday
Hepatitis B		
Kindergarten	3 doses	
Varicella (Chicken Pox)		
Kindergarten	1 dose***	On or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or health care provider-documented varicella disease or immunity.
Grade 8-12 (thirteen years and older)	2 doses***	For previously unimmunized persons thirteen years and older or health care provider-documented varicella disease or immunity.
Out of state or country entrants (all grades)		For children under 13 years; 2 doses are needed if immunized on or after 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday.

\* Two doses of measles-containing vaccine required. One dose of mumps and rubella-containing vaccine required; mumps vaccine is not required for children 7 years of age and older.

\*\* Two doses of the 2-dose formulation given at age 11-15 years along with provider documentation that the 2-dose formulation was used for both doses will also fulfill this requirement.

\*\*\* Effective Date 7/1/01

**EXEMPTIONS** The law allows (a) parents/guardians to elect exemptions to immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs, and (b) physicians of children to elect medical exemptions. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). See the back of the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286) for instructions and the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians electing the personal beliefs exemption. For children with medical exemptions, the physician's written statement should be stapled to the CSIR. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions, so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

TB test required for out of country entrants (grades k-12)

If you have detailed questions about the immunization requirements, you can contact

Axis Health Center - 925/462-1755

4361 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton – Call clinic for hours/days open

Any questions regarding enrollment should be directed to the Pupil Services Department at 925/426-4290.