

PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Students Admitted at TK/K-12 Need:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) — 5 doses**
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday.
3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.)
For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.
- **Polio (OPV or IPV) — 4 doses**
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday) If all are OPV (oral) then one IPV (injection) needs to be given
- **Hepatitis B — 3 doses**
(Not required for 7th grade entry)
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — 2 doses**
(First dose given on or after 1st birthday)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses** ("History of chickenpox disease" does not meet the chickenpox immunization requirement.
A medical exemption issued using CAIR-ME must be used for a child who had chickenpox disease that was documented by a physician)

These immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including transitional kindergarten.

Students Starting 7th Grade Need:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) — 1 dose**
(Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
Students will not be allowed to attend school without documentation of a Tdap immunization.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses**
(Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

In addition, the TK/K-12 immunization requirements apply to 7th graders who:

- previously had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/Kindergarten and 6th grade
- are new admissions

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Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment:

All new admission and transfer students should be assessed for their risk of developing TB. Students with identified risk factors for TB, such as birth in a country with an elevated TB rate (includes countries other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or Western and North European countries), and if child or family member traveled outside of USA to a high risk country longer than 30 days should have a tuberculin skin test (TST) or Interferon-gamma release blood test (IGRA). IGRA is preferred over TST for non-U.S. born persons. Contact Sierra Vista Children's Health Center 559-327-7976 or your children's doctor to see if your child needs to be tested. This needs to be done before your child can attend or return to school.

Vaccine Catch-up For School:

7 yrs and older and no record of immunizations

1st Dose	2nd Dose	3rd Dose
Tdap	Tdap	Tdap
Polio 4 week interval	Polio 6 month interval	Polio
Hep B	Hep B	Hep B
MMR	MMR	
Varicella	Varicella (< 13 yrs old 2nd dose in 3 months)	

You have to have the 1st doses before you can start school and made appointment for 2nd doses

Medical Exemptions for Required Immunizations

Medical exemptions for school entry must be issued through the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website CAIR-ME <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home>. Parents can register and create an account in CAIR-ME at any time. Once registered, parents can log in to CAIR-ME to request a medical exemption. Parents take the exemption request number to their child's physician who can log in to CAIR-ME to issue the exemption. Once the exemption is issued, the physician prints the two-page form and provides a copy to the parents to give to their child's school.

Existing Medical exemptions issued before 2021 will remain on file at schools and do not need to be uploaded into CAIR-ME.

Existing Medical exemptions in CAIR-ME can be accepted, but parents must update the school information listed in CAIR-ME for the exemption and provide a copy to the school.

Medical exemptions issued before January 1, 2020 by physicians who have been disciplined by their medical licensing board are no longer valid after the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. To find out if a physician has been disciplined by the Medical Board or Osteopathic Medical Board, please look up an issuing physician's name or medical license number on the list of disciplined physicians.

For more information about medical exemptions please visit: <https://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/exemptions/>