

PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Starting July 1, 2019

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)

- **Hepatitis B — 3 doses**

(Not required for 7th grade entry)

- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — 2 doses**

(Both given on or after 1st birthday)

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses**

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)

- **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

Records:

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.

