

California Immunization Requirement for TK/K-12 Grade

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Immunization Requirements for School Entry

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K-12th Grade (including transitional kindergarten)



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	K-12 doses	+ 1 Tdap			
7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10}		1 Tdap ⁸			2 Varicella ¹⁰

Schools complete a Blue Card or equivalent immunization information record. This is part of the child's cumulative folder.

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

California Department of Public Health



California Pre-Kindergarten and School Immunization Record

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):	Gender:	

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)			Age: ___ yrs.			<input type="checkbox"/>	4 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement, as do: 3 doses, if ≥1 dose given at age ≥4 years.
DTaP / DTP – Age 0-6 years Tdap / Td – Age 7+ years (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)			Age: ___ yrs.	Age: ___ yrs.		<input type="checkbox"/>	5 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement, as do: 4 doses, if ≥1 dose given at age ≥4 years; 3 doses, if ≥1 Tdap dose at age ≥7 years; Tdap dose may meet 7 th Grade requirement.
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Age: ___ mo.					<input type="checkbox"/>	2 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement. Doses must be given at age ≥1 year.
Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b)						<input type="checkbox"/>	Required for pre-kindergarten only. At least 1 dose must be given at age ≥1 year.
Hep B (Hepatitis B)						<input type="checkbox"/>	3 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement.
VAR / VZV (Varicella/Chickenpox)						<input type="checkbox"/>	2 doses meet TK/K-12 requirement.
Tdap – 7 th Grade (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)	Age: ___ yrs.					<input type="checkbox"/>	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>(reviewed pupil's immunization record)</i>	Has All Required Vaccine Doses	Requires Follow-up			Follow-up Date(s) <i>(See conditional admission schedule or exemption end)</i>	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"/> IEP		
TK/K-12		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> Home		
7th Grade (Advancement or Admission)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> IND <input type="checkbox"/> Home		

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Guidance For Completing Form CDPH 286

Review the pupil's immunization record for admission to:

- Pre-kindergarten (child care or preschool);
- Transitional kindergarten/kindergarten through 12th grade (TK/K-12);
- (Or advancement to) 7th grade.

1. **Complete the pupil's identification section.** The Statewide Student Identifier (SSID) is a 10-digit number assigned to TK/K-12 public school pupils by the California Department of Education.

2. **Complete the vaccine and dose section** using information from the pupil's immunization record provided by a parent or guardian, prior school, or an immunization registry.

- Record the date (month/day/year) of each dose the pupil has received, even if the pupil has an exemption to one or more required vaccines. Any vaccine given four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
- Check the Permanent Medical Exemption (PME) box(es) for vaccines that are permanently exempt for medical reasons. If all vaccines are exempted, then fill in the date for "Date Requirements Met" in the appropriate row in the Status of Requirements section. This date is usually the date records are determined to be complete. File the medical exemption form specifying the exempted immunization(s) in the pupil's record.

3. **Complete the appropriate row in the Status of Requirements section.**

- Enter the initials of the staff reviewing the pupil's record.
- If the pupil meets admission requirements, check the designated box and enter the date under "Date Requirements Met." This date is usually the date records are determined to be complete.
- If the pupil does not have all required doses but is not due for any doses at the time of admission, check the "Missing Doses Not Currently Due—Conditional" box and fill in the "Follow-up Date(s)" space. Review records at least every 30 days. Once the pupil meets all admission requirements, fill in the date for "Date Requirements Met."
- If the pupil has a Temporary Medical Exemption, check the designated box and write the expiration date in the "Follow-up Date(s)" space. Once the pupil meets all admission requirements, fill in the date for the "Date Requirements Met."
- If the pupil is due for doses and subject to exclusion, check the "Missing Doses Are Overdue—Needs Doses Now" box and fill in the "Follow-up Date(s)" space.

f. If the pupil does not have all required immunizations and does not meet criteria for conditional admission (including a temporary medical exemption) and is:

- **IEP:** Accessing special education services required by the pupil's individualized education program, or
- **IND:** Enrolled in an independent study program and does not receive classroom-based instruction, or
- **Home:** Enrolled in a home-based private school

Then, using the codes above, check the appropriate box under "Other" and fill in the date for "Date Requirements Met."

Maintain a roster of all pupils who are unimmunized for immediate identification in case of disease outbreak or exposure in the community.

TRANSFER PUPILS

Transferring from a school in-state or another state: Review the immunization information and supporting documentation for exemptions included in the pupil's record or other immunization record, verifying the pupil has met immunization requirements for the pupil's age/grade. If the pupil has a Permanent Medical Exemption (PME), then add the pupil's name to your facility's roster of unimmunized pupils.

Transferring from your school: Provide this form or an equivalent immunization record as specified in 17 CCR section 6070(b) and any exemption documentation as part of the pupil's record. If a pupil transfers from one school to another within California, the pupil's record shall be transferred by the former school no later than 10 school days following the date of request from the school where the pupil intends to enroll (California Education Code section 49068).

Foster children: California law requires schools to immediately enroll foster children transferring to their school even if the child is unable to produce immunization records normally required for school entry. Within two business days of the foster child's request for enrollment, the educational liaison for the new school shall contact the school last attended to obtain all records. The educational liaison for the school last attended shall provide all records to the new school within two business days of receiving the request (California Education Code section 48853.5(f)(8)(C)).

The California Department of Public Health places strict controls on the gathering and use of personally identifiable data. Personal information is not disclosed, made available, or otherwise used for purposes other than those specified at the time of collection, except with consent or as authorized by law or regulation. The Department's information management practices are consistent with the Information Practices Act (Civil Code Section 1798 et seq.), the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), Government Code Sections 11015.5 and 11019.9, and with other applicable laws pertaining to information privacy.

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Unconditional Admission vs Conditional Admission

Unconditional Admission: Student can attend school till the next grade span (TK/K-6 grade) (7 -12 grade)

- Student has received all required immunizations for the age and grade of the child.
- A permanent medical exemption is on file.

Conditional Admission: Student can attend school IF:

- At least one dose of every required vaccine is given, and no deadline for a missing dose has passed.
- A temporary medical exemption is on file for the vaccines that are missing.
- Foster Child/ Homeless/ or Transferring student from another school within United States
- Students with IEPs

Schools provide written notices indicating which vaccine is needed and when.

Conditional Admission for next doses due

Catch-Up Schedule

Students who have had at least 1 dose of each vaccine that is required may attend school as long as:

- No deadline for any missing dose has passed, and
- Child receives the next dose of vaccines before the deadline or child is excluded until dose is given.

Conditional Admission Schedule for Grades K-12

Before admission a child must obtain the first dose of each required vaccine and any subsequent doses that are due because the period of time allowed before exclusion has elapsed.

Dose	Earliest Dose May Be Given	Exclude If Not Given By
Polio #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3¹	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 and at least 4 months after 1st dose	12 months after 2nd 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
Varicella #2	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. If polio #3 is the final required dose, polio #3 should be given at least six months after polio #2.
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.

Medical Exemptions: Permanent and Temporary

Permanent Medical Exemptions: (PME)

- Student is exempt from the vaccine(s) that are listed.
- Only valid until the next grade span. (TK/K-6th grade and 7th -12th grade)
- Parent will need to get another PME for next grade span or vaccinate.

Temporary Medical Exemptions: (TME)

- TME can be no longer than 12 calendar months
- Student needs to show proof of receiving these vaccines or have a new TME by the expiration date, or
- Before the start of the next grade span- whichever is earliest.

Medical Exemptions issued January 1, 2021 or later:

- must be issued through the CAIR-ME website by physicians licensed in California. (Senate Bill (SB) 276 and SB 714)

Existing MEs issued before 2021 are:

- Not included in the CAIR-ME website
- Valid for continuing and transfer students until the earliest of the following:
 - The child enrolls in the next grade span (TK/K-6th grade or 7th-12th grade).
 - The expiration date specified in a temporary medical exemption.
 - Invalid exemption when the issuing physician has been subject to disciplinary action from the physician's licensing entity.

Foster Children

Homeless Children

Students transferring from
another school within United
States

Conditional Admission without immunization records:

If the student's immunization records are not available due to being a foster child, homeless child or a child transferring from another school within the U.S.

- School can admit them for up to 30 days while waiting for the records to arrive.
- If cumulative folder arrives and child missing doses or no file arrives
 - California law states that schools may give parents up to 10 school days to show proof of child received the needed doses if child is already attending school. If no documentation is provided child is excluded from school until proof of dose or medical exemption is provided to the school.
- Outside of the U.S., students must have all required vaccinations before entering into school.

Students who have Individualized Education Plans (IEP)

Students who have an individualized education program (IEP)

- Students are not exempt from immunization requirements, but they cannot be excluded from school due to noncompliance.
- Schools are still required to request, maintain, and report records of immunizations that have been received for these students.

Home-based or Independent Study Program non classroom-based instruction

Home School - Students in a home-based or an independent study program who do not receive any classroom-based instruction are not subject to immunization requirements.

- Schools are still required to request, maintain, and report records of immunizations for these students.
- Students must be immunized if they will be on campus to submit projects or participate in any classroom activities.
- If students want to participate in extracurricular activities, they must be immunized.

Schools are required to:

- Keep list of all students who are not fully immunized in case of outbreak.
- Review records at a minimum every 30 days of those who are admitted conditionally.
- Send letters to parents of what shots are due.
- Exclude children who do not meet the requirement by the exclusion date.
- Complete the Annual Immunization Reports by December of every school year.

Resources: