

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY



## Entry Requirements by Age and Grade:

| Vaccine  | 4-6 Years Old<br>Elementary School at<br>Transitional-Kindergarten/<br>Kindergarten and Above  | 7-17 Years Old<br>Elementary or Secondary<br>School  | 7th Grade*  |
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| <b>Polio<br/>(OPV or IPV)</b>  | <b>4 doses</b><br>(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)   | <b>4 doses</b><br>(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2nd birthday)   |   |
| <b>Diphtheria,<br/>Tetanus, and<br/>Pertussis<br/>(DTaP, DTP, DT, or<br/>Tdap)</b> | <b>5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT</b><br>(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)   | <b>4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT,<br/>Tdap, or Td</b><br>(3 doses OK if last dose was given on or after 2nd birthday. At least one dose must be Tdap or DTaP/ DTP given on or after 7th birthday for all 7th-12th graders.) | <b>1 dose of Tdap</b><br>(Or DTP/DTaP given on or after the 7th birthday.)                              |
| <b>Measles, Mumps,<br/>and Rubella<br/>(MMR or MMR-V)</b>                          | <b>2 doses</b><br>(Both doses given on or after 1st birthday. Only one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines are required if given separately.) | <b>1 dose</b><br>(Dose given on or after 1st birthday. Mumps vaccine is not required if given separately.)   | <b>2 doses of MMR</b> or any measles-containing vaccine<br>(Both doses given on or after 1st birthday.) |
| <b>Hepatitis B<br/>(Hep B or HBV)</b>  | <b>3 doses</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Varicella<br/>(chickenpox, VAR,<br/>MMR-V or VZV)</b>                           | <b>1 dose</b>  | <b>1 dose</b> for ages 7-12 years.<br><b>2 doses</b> for ages 13-17 years.   |   |

\*New admissions to 7th grade should also meet the requirements for ages 7-17 years.

### WHY YOUR CHILD NEEDS SHOTS:

The California School Immunization Law requires that children be up to date on their immunizations (shots) to attend school. Diseases like measles spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter. California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten **through** 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry.

### THE LAW:

Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380; California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Sections 6000-6075

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR ADMISSION:

To attend school, your child's Immunization Record must show the date for each required shot above. If you do not have an Immunization Record, or your child has not received all required shots, call your doctor now for an appointment.

If a licensed physician determines a vaccine should not be given to your child because of medical reasons, submit a written statement from the physician for a **medical exemption** for the missing shot(s), including the duration of the medical exemption.

A personal beliefs exemption is no longer an option for entry into school; however, a valid personal beliefs exemption filed with a school before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (7th through 12th grade). Valid personal beliefs exemptions may be transferred between schools in California. For complete details, visit [ShotsforSchool.org](http://ShotsforSchool.org).

You must also submit an immunization record for all required shots not exempted.

Questions? Visit [ShotsForSchool.org](http://ShotsForSchool.org) or contact your local health department ([bit.do/immunization](http://bit.do/immunization)).