

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.



| GRADE | NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{1, 2, 3} | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| K-12 Admission | 4 Polio⁴ | 5 DTaP⁵ | 3 Hep B⁶ | 2 MMR⁷ | 2 Varicella |
| (7th-12th)⁸ | 1 Tdap | | | | |
| 7th Grade Advancement^{9,10} | 1 Tdap⁸ | | | | 2 Varicella¹⁰ |

- Requirements for K-12 admission also apply to transfer pupils.
- Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.
- Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
- Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- Four doses of DTaP meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the 7th birthday. One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement.
- For seventh grade admission, refer to Health and Safety Code section 120335, subdivision (c).
- Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Only doses administered on or after the first birthday meet the requirement.
- For 7th-12th graders, at least one dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after the seventh birthday.
- For children in ungraded schools, pupils 12 years and older are subject to the seventh grade advancement requirements.
- The varicella requirement for seventh grade advancement expires after June 30, 2025.

DTaP/Tdap = diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid, and acellular pertussis vaccine

Hep B = hepatitis B vaccine

MMR = measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine

Varicella = chickenpox vaccine

INSTRUCTIONS:

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.

UNCONDITIONALLY ADMIT a pupil whose parent or guardian has provided documentation of any of the following for each immunization required for the pupil's age or grade as defined in table above:

- Receipt of immunization.
- A permanent medical exemption in accordance with 17 CCR section 6051.
- A personal beliefs exemption (filed prior to 2016) in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 120335.

CONDITIONALLY ADMIT any pupil who lacks documentation for unconditional admission if the pupil has:

- Commenced receiving doses of all the vaccines required for the pupil's grade (table above) and is not currently due for any doses at the time of admission (as determined by intervals listed in Conditional Admission Schedule, column entitled "EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY"), or
- A temporary medical exemption from some or all required immunizations (17 CCR section 6050).

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 #3 | 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 |
| | 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.
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.

Continued attendance after conditional admission is contingent upon documentation of receipt of the remaining required immunizations. The school shall:

- review records of any pupil admitted conditionally to a school at least every 30 days from the date of admission,
- inform the parent or guardian of the remaining required vaccine doses until all required immunizations are received or an exemption is filed, and
- update the immunization information in the pupil's record.

For a pupil **transferring** from another school in the United States whose immunization record has not been received by the new school at the time of admission, the school may admit the child for up to 30 school days. If the immunization record has not been received at the end of this period, the school shall exclude the pupil until the parent or guardian provides documentation of compliance with the requirements.

