



HANDOUT #19B

Child Action

Immunizations A Providers Guide to Requirements

Quality Child Care Impacts Everything



Enrolling Children in Care

To enroll in a child care center, preschool, or family child care home, children must meet immunization requirements stated in California law. Parents must submit their child's immunization record as proof. Accepted forms of immunization records include "yellow" cards filled out by the child's doctor, computer printouts or other official documentation from the doctor's office that contains the name of the vaccine given, the date, and the doctor's signature.

While it is the parent's responsibility to submit immunization records to the provider, providers are responsible for making sure that all children

accepted into care have current immunization records. A helpful tool for child care centers and schools is the California Immunization Registry or (CAIR) www.CAIRWeb.org. CAIR is a secure, internet based system used by thousands of California doctors to enter children's immunization shot records. Child care centers and school districts across the state use CAIR to check student's shot status for school entry. CAIR is supported by the California Department of Public Health and is available to schools and child care providers at no cost. The CAIR help desk can be reached at (800) 578-7889 to get free training and access to CAIR for your school or child care staff.

Important Information for Providers

Effective January 2016, The California School Immunization law no longer permits immunization exemption based on personal or religious beliefs for a child in child care in public and private programs. Personal belief exemptions submitted before January 1, 2016 will remain valid until a child reaches the next age entry checkpoint. For more information about “entry checkpoints,” please visit www.shotsforschool.org. ***All licensed providers are responsible for checking immunization records, transcribing information on to “blue cards”, and ensuring that all children admitted meet current requirements for vaccination.****

Immunization Schedules

Please note the following page for current immunizations required by law for each age group. Child care providers can follow the instructions on when and how to enroll children in care in regards to their immunization status.

Resources to Share with Parents

Free Health Exams and Immunization Clinics: The County of Sacramento Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program offers free health exams for infants, children, teens, and young adults. To schedule a health exam and receive information on immunization call (916) 875-7151. For information on clinics or immunization questions, please call the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services Immunization Assistance Program at (916) 875-SHOT.

***Children who have a signed medical exemption from their doctor can be enrolled in licensed child care. Doctors must note which vaccines the child is exempt from as well as the reason the child is exempt. Providers and parents are responsible for ensuring that the child is excluded from the program when there is a possibility of exposure to a contagious disease.**



GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL



Requirements by Age at Entry and Later (Follow-up is required at every age checkpoint after entry.)

Vaccine	2–3 Months	4–5 Months	6–14 Months	15–17 Months	18 Months–5 Years
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)				1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday
Hib	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)					1 dose

INSTRUCTIONS:

To enter a child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, children must have received immunizations required by California law.

1. Parents must submit their child's immunization record as proof.
2. Copy the date of each vaccine onto the California School Immunization Record (Blue Card, CDPH-286).
3. Determine whether children meet requirements above.

ADMIT A CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY WHO:

- Is 18 months and older and has all immunizations required for their age, or
- Submits a personal beliefs exemption (PBE) **filed at a prior California child-care facility** for missing shot(s) and immunization records with dates for all required shots not exempted. **The PBE must have been filed before January 1, 2016 and is only valid until entry to transitional kindergarten/ kindergarten.** For complete details, see ShotsForSchool.org.
- Submits a **licensed** physician's written statement of a **permanent** medical exemption for missing shot(s) and immunization records with dates for all required shots not exempted.

ADMIT A CHILD CONDITIONALLY IF THE CHILD:

- Is under age 18 months, has received all immunizations required for age, but will have more required at next age checkpoint.
- Is missing a dose(s) in a series, but the next dose is not due yet (This means the child has received at least one dose in a series and the deadline for the next dose has not passed.) The child may not be admitted if the deadline has passed or the child has not yet received the 1st dose.
- Has a temporary medical exemption to certain vaccine(s) and has submitted an immunization record for vaccines not exempted. The statement must indicate which immunization(s) must be postponed and when the child can be immunized.

WHEN MISSING DOSES CAN BE GIVEN:

Missing Dose	Earliest Date After Previous Dose	Deadline After Previous Dose
Polio #2	6 weeks	10 weeks
Polio #3	6 weeks	12 months
DTP/DTaP #2, #3	4 weeks	8 weeks
DTP or DTaP #4	6 months	12 months
Hib #2	2 months	3 months
Hep B #2	1 month	2 months
Hep B #3 (under age 18 months)	2 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose
Hep B #3 (age 18 months and older)	2 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	6 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose

DO NOT ADMIT A CHILD WHO:

Does not fit one of the prior categories. Refer parents to their physician with a written notice indicating which doses are needed.

FOLLOW-UP IS REQUIRED AFTER ADMISSION:

- At every age checkpoint above until all doses are received.
- If child was behind schedule and admitted **conditionally**.
- If child has a temporary medical exemption.

Maintain a list of unimmunized children (exempted or admitted conditionally), so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs. Notify parents of the deadline for missing doses. Review records every 30 days until all required doses are received.

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

NOTICE OF IMMUNIZATIONS NEEDED

Dear Parent/Guardian of: _____

Our records show that your child needs the following immunization(s) to meet the requirements of the California School Immunization Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375:

VACCINE**MISSING DOSE(S) MARKED BELOW:**

POLIO	☐ #1	☐ #2	☐ #3	☐ #4	
DTaP (Tdap or Td if age 7 years or older.)	☐ #1	☐ #2	☐ #3	☐ #4	☐ #5
MMR	☐ #1	☐ #2			
Hib (child care/preschool only)	☐ #1	☐ #2	☐ #3	☐ #4	
HEPATITIS B	☐ #1	☐ #2	☐ #3		
VARICELLA (chickenpox)	☐ #1	☐ #2			
Tdap (for 7 th –12 th grade)	☐ #1				

YOU NEED TO DO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY:

1. If your child has already received all of these immunizations marked above, bring us the immunization record so that we can update our files. Your child's record must include a date for the immunizations checked above and the doctor's signature or stamp.
2. If your child hasn't already received all of the immunizations marked above, bring this form along with your child's immunization record to your doctor or local health department to get the immunization(s) marked above. Bring us your child's updated immunization record after every immunization visit until all of the required immunizations have been received.
3. If any of these immunizations were not given to your child because of medical reasons, please bring us a letter from your doctor (licensed physician).

According to state law, we cannot allow your child to attend school unless we receive evidence that the above requirements are met by this date:_____

For more information on school immunization requirements, visit www.shotsforschool.org.
If you have any questions or require additional information, please call_____.

Sincerely,