

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

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On June 30, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 277 requiring all students entering kindergarten and 7th grade to show proof of immunization in order to enroll in school, public or private. Most notably, while the law still allows for medical exemptions with proper documentation, the new law no longer permits immunization exemptions based on personal beliefs (PBE) for children in child care programs and in public and private schools. Beginning, July 1, 2016, child care programs, public schools and private schools shall not unconditionally admit to any of those institutions for the first time, or admit or advance any pupil to 7th grade level, unless the pupil has been immunized for his or her age as required by this law.

Every child should be able to attend school without the threat of contracting a preventable contagious disease. Chronically ill and immunocompromised students are unable to be vaccinated and are therefore protected from significant health risks only through the community-minded efforts of others who do not have a medical contraindication to vaccination.

If you are not sure if your child's vaccine records are up to date, you can contact your child's school directly. If you still have questions, contact the county schools nurse at (209) 536-2071. All the required immunizations are approved for the routine schedule to be administered at 4 years of age, and typically are part of a routine 4 year old well child visit. There will be no exceptions made for parents who choose to delay vaccines unless a physician has signed a medical exemption.

Students Admitted to Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten (at Ages 4-6 years) Need These Immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or DT) —5 doses
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Polio (OPV or IPV)—4 doses
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B—3 doses
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)—2 doses
(Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)—1 dose

Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization. Note that these immunization requirements apply to students entering transitional kindergarten and/or kindergarten. If your child is unvaccinated, including for medical reasons, and there is a disease outbreak, the school may be ordered by the Health Department to temporarily exclude your child from school for his/her protection.



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