

Ventura County Public and Private Schools

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your comments and questions; please email us at immunization.program@ventura.org.

Now that many schools and child-care facilities are reviewing immunization records. A request from last year was for resources to help staff review records with confusing acronyms and abbreviations. Please review the [Vaccine Acronyms and Abbreviations](#).

ShotsforSchool.org has a new and updated resources on school immunization. The following list includes resources that many staff find helpful when reviewing records:

- [California Immunization Handbook \(aka Blue Book\)](#)
- [Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Tool for Determining Admission Status K-12](#) (new!)
- [Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Russian](#)
- [Letter to Parents: Immunizations Needed](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Vaccine Acronyms and Abbreviations](#) (new!)
- [Senate Bill 277 Frequently Asked Questions](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#)
- [No Shots? No Records? No School. poster](#) | [Spanish](#) (Depending on availability, this resource may be available for free from your [local health department](#).)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) to the Immunization Program:

- Q.** Can a child be admitted if they have an appointment for immunizations?
- A.** No - If the child does not meet immunization requirements, alert the parents and refer them to their doctor or clinic. You cannot allow the child to attend child care or school unless he/she has met all requirements or is not currently due for any immunizations but has doses due later. To avoid confusion, provide the parent with a written notice indicating what doses the child needs
- Q.** Can a student be allowed to register as a conditional entry with one vaccine? Parent will give only one vaccine per month.
- A.** Children may be admitted conditionally if they received some but not all required immunization doses and are NOT CURRENTLY DUE for any doses at the time of admission. Typically, they must have at least one dose of each required vaccine or a valid medical exemption for that required vaccine before admission. Please see FAQs on conditional admission at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/conditional-admission/>

The details on conditional admission are in the California Code of Regulations, Section 6035 and Table 2 at: <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-1080.pdf>

Medical exemptions may only be written by a licensed MD or DO. See FAQs for more information: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/#Q17A>

- Q.** Admitting Homeless or Foster Transfer Students.
- A.** The federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#) requires schools to enroll new students who are homeless even if their immunization records are missing or unavailable at the time of enrollment. California law requires schools to immediately enroll foster children transferring to their school even if a foster child is unable to produce immunization records normally required for school entry. Once a homeless student or a foster child is enrolled, school staff should work with the foster family or school where the student was transferred from to obtain the student's immunization records quickly.
- A.** For foster students, Education Code Section 48853.5 requires that within two business days of the foster child's request for school enrollment. The law still requires that the school obtain the student's immunization record and ensure that the foster student has met all immunization requirements.
- Q.** Two doses of varicella are required for ages 13-17 years. If we have students entering 7th grade that are not 13 yet. Do we need to follow up with all the student at 8th grade?
- A.** Schools are required to check whether a student meets the immunization requirements at entry to TK/Kindergarten, 7th grade, and for other new admissions. Schools are not required to check all students again at 8th grade for students who were previously admitted unconditionally and advancing to 8th grade.

Q. Are High School students "New Admissions" if so, if they had met 7th grade 1 dose varicella requirement due to being age 12 at advancement, then are they not required at 9th grade to have a 2nd varicella since they are now older than 13.

Along with this question, if we are considering High School 9th graders "New Admissions" then are we requiring them to meet all 7-17 aged requirement before starting school?

If they are discovered later after school starts to be missing a dose then are they given the 10 days to get up to date? Who defines a "New Admission"? Would it be County Office of Education?

A. If a school considers a student a new admission to high school, the school should require the age 7-17 year requirements. Although it seems strange, they do not have to meet the 7th grade requirements separately. This means the child DOES need 2 doses of varicella for students 13-17 years old as well as DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td, Polio, MMR and Varicella.

The school can notify the parents they have up to 10 school days to submit documentation for any doses due (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 6040) before the child is excluded from school.

A new admission is defined by the County Office of Education, a local educational agency/district, or the school

CAIR2 Update: CAIR Update: To all CAIR Users and Data Exchange Sites: You received a notification on your email to register for CAIR2 training. You only have a few days left to register for the September trainings. To access CAIR2, **Regular and Power** users are required to take training before using CAIR2. **Read-only users** do not need to take any training but are encouraged to view short videos to walk you through some of the different features and new look and feel of CAIR2.

If you have already registered for CAIR2 training, you should have received an email confirming your registration. If you have not yet registered for training, please register as soon as possible. Training is starting soon, in September. If you need further assistance or have any questions regarding [your upcoming move](#) to the *bigger, better and faster* CAIR2, contact the CAIR help desk at 1-800-578-7889 or by email at CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov.

SB 75 - Full Scope Medi-Cal for All Children: Under a new law that was implemented on May 1, 2016, children under 19 years of age are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits regardless of immigration status, as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements (Welfare and Institutions Code section 14007.8.) The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is working collaboratively with County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), county human services agencies, Covered California, advocates, and other interested parties to identify impacted children and to provide them with full Medi-Cal coverage benefits. <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/SB-75.aspx>

Senate Bill 792: [SB 792, Mendoza. Day care facilities: immunizations: exemptions.](#)

This bill, commencing September 1, 2016, would prohibit a person from being employed or volunteering at a day care center or a family day care home if he or she has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles. The bill would specify circumstances under which a person would be exempt from the immunization requirement, based on medical safety, current immunity, declining the influenza vaccination, or the date upon which he or she was hired, as specified. The bill would require a day care center or a family day care home to maintain documentation of the required immunizations or exemptions from immunization in the employee's or volunteer's personnel record. The bill would make conforming changes to provisions that set forth qualifications for day care center teachers and applicants for licensure as a family day care home. The bill would provide that a violation of these provisions would not be subject to a crime. The bill would require any person hired as a teacher in a day care center to present evidence of a current tuberculosis clearance, as specified.

Training is available through the immunization Program to health clerks and nurses on:

- Reviewing immunization cards
- School requirements
- Entry guidelines
- Reporting
- Preparing for annual assessments

Please contact us to schedule training for your staff.

You can also view this information on <http://vchca.org/public-health/for-health-care-providers> or follow us on:



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