

Immunization Policy

Whether public or private, all California schools and child-care facilities, including child-care centers, day nurseries, nursery schools, family day care homes, and development centers, are subject to new and existing laws regarding immunization in California.

In 2015 and future years, certain vaccines are required to enter child care or school in California.

- For child care, see <http://www.shotsforschool.org/child-care/>
- For kindergarten, see <http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>
- For 7th grade, see <http://www.shotsforschool.org/7th-grade/>
- For students entering or transferring into California schools at other grade levels, see <http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

In 2015 and future years each immunization requirement may be fulfilled by any of the following:

- Receiving the required vaccine doses
- Receiving a medical exemption from a licensed physician
- Under limited circumstances conditional admission¹ may be available

As of January 1, 2016:

Parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently-required vaccine.

Students will no longer be required to have immunizations for entry if they attend:

- A home-based private school or
- An independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction.

However, parents or guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools, and schools must continue to maintain and report records of immunizations that have been received for these students.

Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) should continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.

¹ Children behind on their required immunizations may be admitted conditionally, if they are not currently due for any doses or have a temporary medical exemption.

