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Changes in California School Immunization Requirements Effective as of July 1, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, the changes include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Requiring 2 (rather than 1) doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine at
 - TK/Kindergarten entry
 - 7th grade advancement
 - TK/K-12 new admission or transfer
- ❖ Requiring 2 MMR doses and 3 Hepatitis B vaccine doses at admission or transfer more uniformly throughout TK/K-12 (age restrictions are removed)
- ❖ Medical exemptions for new admissions may be signed only by a California-licensed MD/DO
- ❖ Each temporary medical exemption may be issued for no more than 12 months.

Schools will start preparing for these changes by:

- ❖ Recording all chickenpox vaccine doses for admissions on the Blue Card or school information system.
- ❖ Compiling lists of (at least) current 5th grade students with no record of a 2nd dose of varicella vaccine.
- ❖ Notifying parents/guardians of students who are not compliant with new immunization regulation.

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/Guardians must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.

*Changes to California school immunization requirement regulations will become effective starting July 1, 2019. Source: California Code of Regulations Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4 (2018, September). Retrieved from <https://www.shotsforschool.org/> and eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-1080.pdf

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