

## PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Starting July 1, 2019

### Students Admitted at TK/K-12 Need:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) – 5 doses**  
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
For 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **Polio (OPV or IPV) – 4 doses**  
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- **Hepatitis B – 3 doses**  
(Not required for 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry)
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) – 2 doses**  
(Both given on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses**

These immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including transitional kindergarten (TK).

### Students Starting 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Need:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) – 1 dose**  
(Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses**  
(Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

In addition, the TK/K-12 immunization requirements apply to 7<sup>th</sup> graders who:

- previously had a valid personal belief exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/K and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- are new admissions.

### Records:

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/K-12<sup>th</sup> grade and all students advancing to 7<sup>th</sup> grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.