

2023-2024 California School Immunization Requirements 9th – 12th Admission

Vaccine	Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization
3 Polio OPV or IPV	3 doses meet requirement if 1 dose was given on or after 4 th birthday; if not, 4 doses are needed
1 Tdap Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid & Acellular Pertussis THIS IS A CALIFORNIA STATE REQUIREMENT	1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7 th birthday. Tdap will meet (1) DTaP requirement. <i>Students will not be allowed to attend school without documentation of a Tdap immunization.</i>
3 DTaP, DTP Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis Td Tetanus	3 doses meet requirement if Tdap was given on or after 7 th birthday. 1-2 doses of Td given on or after 7 th birthday count towards the requirement.
3 Hep B Hepatitis B	3 doses at any age meets requirement
2 MMR Measles, Mumps & Rubella	only doses given on or after 1 st birthday meet the requirement
2 Varicella Chickenpox	" History of chickenpox disease " does not meet the chickenpox immunization requirement. A medical exemption issued using CAIR-ME may be used for a child who had chickenpox disease that was documented by a physician (see below)

There is no requirement for a COVID-19 vaccine for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Since January 1, 2016, **Personal Beliefs Exemptions** for currently-required vaccines are no longer allowed in any school, whether public or private.
- **Medical Exemptions for Required Immunizations** - Starting January 1, 2021, all new medical exemptions for school entry must be issued through the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website CAIR-ME. Parents and physicians can register and create an account in CAIR-ME at any time. Once registered, parents can log in to CAIR-ME to request a medical exemption. Parents take the exemption request number to their child’s physician who can log in to CAIR-ME to issue the exemption. Once the exemption is issued, the physician prints the two-page form and provides a copy to the parents to give to their child’s school.
- **Existing Medical exemptions issued before 2021** will remain on file at schools and do not need to be uploaded into CAIR-ME.
- **Existing Medical exemptions in CAIR-ME** can be accepted, but parents must update the school information listed in CAIR-ME for the exemption and provide a copy to the school. [Instructions to Request a Medical Exemption](#)
- **Medical exemptions issued before January 1, 2020 by physicians who have been disciplined by their medical licensing board** were no longer valid after the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. For more information regarding medical exemptions and to find out if your physician has been disciplined by the Medical Board or Osteopathic Medical Board go to:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/School/laws-exemptions.aspx>
- For information regarding CAIR go to: <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home> 4/2023

The [Shots for School website](#) provides information about California school immunization requirements.