

Vaccine Requirements for School

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

California School Immunization Law

California Health and Safety Code, Sections 120325-120375

Under these statutes, children in California are required to receive certain immunizations in order to attend public and private elementary and secondary schools, child care centers, family day care homes, nursery schools, day nurseries, and developmental centers (pre-kindergarten facilities). Schools, and pre-kindergarten facilities are required to enforce immunization requirements, maintain immunization records of all children enrolled, and submit reports.

California Code of Regulations Title 17 Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8

These regulations specify California school immunization requirements and provide additional clarifications of the law. Also available at www.oal.ca.gov.

Medical Exemption to a Required Immunization

Starting January 1, 2021

- All new medical exemptions for school and childcare entry must be issued through CAIR-ME. Parents can create an account and log in to CAIR-ME to submit a request for a medical exemption. Next, the child's doctor can complete the medical exemption in CAIR-ME and print a copy for the parents to give to the child's school or child care facility.
- Are only valid when issued through CAIR-ME by a licensed physician
- School and childcare facilities may only accept new medical exemptions issued through CAIR-ME from parents.
- A medical exemption may be issued in CAIR-ME no more than 12 months before a child first enters a grade span (grade spans are birth-preschool, TK/K-6th Grade, and 7th-12th grade)

A medical exemption filed at a pre-kindergarten facility or school remains valid until the earliest of:

- When the child enrolls in the next grade span (TK/K-6th grade, 7th-12th grade)
- The expiration date specified for a temporary medical exemption
- Revocation of the exemption because the issuing physician has been subject to disciplinary action from the physician's licensing entity

Websites with helpful information and access to CAIR-ME

<https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home>

<https://www.shotsforschool.org/>

<https://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/regs2019/>