

Immunization Requirements

Cambrian School District, March 29, 2021

Dear Cambrian Families,

We are excited to have students returning to campus for in-person instruction. Now more than ever, it is vital we have and maintain accurate immunization records and tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment form for all students. Vaccinations are crucial to prevent children from getting sick outside of school settings. Families should take steps now to get required childhood vaccinations and TB risk assessment form completed. If you need information about which immunizations your student needs update please contact your school site Health Clerk.

While the new school year will look different than in past years, some things will stay the same:

- Immunization requirements remain in place for admission to school or childcare as well as for students advancing to the next grade span (TK/K-5th grade, 6th-12th grade). Visit [Shots for Schools](#) to review the required vaccinations, and then schedule an appointment with your health care provider for a well-child visit to obtain any needed vaccinations. Santa Clara County offers immunizations at [these locations](#).
- If your child is enrolling in a Santa Clara County school or childcare for the first time, your child will need to complete the [TB risk assessment form](#) and, if necessary, a TB test. Visit [the Santa Clara County Public Health Dept. Tuberculosis page](#) for information and forms. The TB risk assessment form may be completed when your child receives his/her vaccinations for school or childcare. If your child's vaccinations are already up-to-date, you can complete the TB risk assessment form with your child's health care provider at any time within the first 30 days of your child's enrollment in school or childcare. Additional [TB FAQs are here](#).
- Many dentists have resumed dental care services. If your child has not been to the dentist in the past year, contact your dentist to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to avoid untreated cavities or infections that may impact their success at school. Use [this link to locate low cost dental clinics](#) in Santa Clara County.

Recent LAW CHANGES to the medical exemption requirements:

If your student does not have all of the required immunizations, a valid temporary or permanent medical exemption must be on file. A new medical exemption is required when the student enters the next grade span.

Starting January 1, 2021:

- Medical exemptions can only be issued through the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website ([CAIR-ME](#)) by physicians licensed in California.

- Schools and child care facilities may only accept from parents new medical exemptions that are issued using CAIR-ME.

What if I already provided a medical exemption prior to 1/1/2021?

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-5th grade, 6th-12th grade)
- The expiration date specified in a temporary medical exemption
- Revocation of the exemption because the issuing physician has been subject to disciplinary action from the physician's licensing entity

My child's doctor said s/he needs a medical exemption from a required immunization. How do I get a medical exemption for my child?

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.

Resources:

Please check out www.shotsforschool.org for additional information regarding immunization requirements.

Let's work together to ensure all students are healthy and ready to continue learning.

Sincerely,

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