

## Immunization Updates from Sacramento County Public Health

### Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program

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### Additional Resources:

- [CDPH Immunization Recommendations](#)
- [CDPH Immunization Branch](#)
- [Shots for School](#)
- [CDPH Storage and Handling](#)
- [SCPH COVID-19](#)
- [Waste Water Surveillance](#)
- [California Respiratory Virus Dashboard](#)

### SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

California school immunization requirements remain unchanged for the upcoming year. All required immunizations are covered by insurance plans, including Medi-Cal. Below are resources to support staff and families:

- [California Immunization Requirements for K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)
- [California Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten](#)
- [California Immunization Handbook](#)
- [Resources for Parents/ Guardians](#)
- [California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch](#)
- [California School Immunization Law](#)
- [Medical Exemptions](#)
- [Notice of Immunizations Needed](#)
- [Preteen Vaccine Resources](#)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL STAFF:

- [Free online training for school staff on immunization requirements](#)
- [My Turn Vaccine Locator](#)
- [Back-to-School Immunization Social Media](#)
- [No Shots? No Records? No School. Poster](#)
- [School and Child Care Roster Lookup \(SCRL\) tool](#)
- [A Healthy School Year Starts with Back-to-School Vaccines](#)
- [Routine Immunizations Don't Wait to Vaccinate Toolkit](#)

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers weekly Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinics by appointment for eligible Sacramento County residents (e.g. uninsured, Medi-Cal eligible or enrolled, American Indian or Alaska Native) under 19 years of age. SCPH staff is available to assist School Nurses and Health Aides with any immunization questions.

Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email [immunize@sacounty.gov](mailto:immunize@sacounty.gov) to schedule an appointment. Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) sends out health alerts, advisories, and updates regarding communicable disease outbreaks, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health concerns. Health alerts and advisories are transmitted to participants through the [California Health Alert Network \(CAHAN\)](#) and previous CAHANs are all posted on the [SCPH Health Alert, Orders, and Orders website.](#)

## PERINATAL HEPATITIS B PREVENTION PROGRAM

Sacramento County's goal is to prevent perinatal transmission of hepatitis B to infants during birth by providing guidance and resources. The program provides case management for HBsAg positive pregnant persons and their infants, provides education to medical providers, birth hospitals, and affected families, and collaborates with birthing facilities to ensure recommended hepatitis B prevention practices are consistently implemented. These measures are backed by [California Maternal Screening Law](#) which mandates that pregnant individuals are screened for hepatitis B surface antigen, and that any identified hepatitis B infections are reported to local health departments by both laboratories and health care providers. More information and resources can be found on the [CDPH Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Website](#)

## CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY (CAIR) COMPLIANCE REMINDER

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a secure statewide system used to record and track immunizations. Under [AB 1797](#), all healthcare organizations are required to [enroll in CAIR](#), document every administered immunization, and include race and ethnicity data in all vaccination records. To remain compliant, providers must enter vaccine administration within 24 hours and ensure all administered doses are reported to [CAIR](#) within 72 hours. It is essential that each organization verifies its Electronic Health Record (EHR) system is successfully transmitting immunization data to CAIR within the required timeframe.

## IMMUNIZATION REPORTING

Annual immunization assessment reporting for the 2026-2027 school year is open and will close on December 4th, 2026. Early reporting is encouraged, and reports may be edited until the deadline date. Pre-kindergarten/Child Care (ages 2-5 years), Transitional Kindergarten/ Kindergarten (TK/K), and 7th grades must report by this deadline.

[Shots For School](#) remains your resource for everything related to school immunizations. Please take a moment to explore the links below for clear reporting instructions and helpful supporting materials.

### Reporting Tools:

- [Immunization Reporting Letter](#)
- [California Immunization Handbook \(PDF\)](#)
- Guide to Immunizations Required: [Pre-Kindergarten \(PDF\)](#) | [TK-12 \(PDF\)](#)
- Worksheets: [Pre-K \(PDF\)](#) | [TK/Kindergarten \(PDF\)](#) | [7<sup>th</sup> Grade \(PDF\)](#)
- [Reporting FAQs](#)
- [Online Training: Pre-Kindergarten \(Child Care\)](#) | [TK/Kindergarten](#) | [7<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)
- [Medical Exemption FAQs](#)
- School Reporting [Immunization Reporting](#)

Schools will continue to report using [CAIR Hub](#) again this year. New users need to register for a CAIR Hub account (SCRL users already have one).

Sacramento County Public Health staff are available to help schools and Child Care centers with questions concerning reporting. Please email [immunize@saccounty.gov](mailto:immunize@saccounty.gov) or call Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at (916) 875- 7468.

## VERIFYING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

School districts and providers are increasingly reporting suspicious or invalid immunization records, highlighting the need for more thorough verification procedures. California Health and Safety Code, Section 120325-120375, requires children in California to receive certain immunizations before attending public or private schools and childcare facilities.

Schools and childcare facilities are responsible for enforcing immunization requirements, keeping accurate records, and submitting all necessary reports. Only immunization records that are valid and verifiable should be accepted for school or childcare enrollment, as well as for entry into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2). Staff should remain alert for atypical provider information, unconventional record formats, or irregular vaccination patterns that may require closer review.

Additional documentation must be requested when records are incomplete, unverifiable, altered, or do not meet California Department of Public Health (CDPH) standards. Questionable records should not be entered into CAIR2 or any other system until all requirements are fully satisfied. Schools must not admit students who are missing required vaccines, cannot provide acceptable documentation or a legitimate medical exemption, or fail to meet conditional admission criteria outlined in the California Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten or K–12th Grade.

### DIGITAL VACCINE RECORD

The Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) is an official electronic immunization record generated from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). Families can access their student's [Digital Vaccine Record](#) for use in school or childcare enrollment.

## COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV

Vaccines remain a safe and reliable way to reduce the risk of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older, including older adults, people with underlying conditions, and those who are pregnant. Annual flu vaccination remains the most effective means of protecting yourself and your family.

RSV typically causes mild illness but can lead to severe disease in infants, pregnant people, and older adults. Vaccines are available for older adults and pregnant individuals, and monoclonal antibody products help protect infants and young children from severe RSV illness. The [California Respiratory Virus Dashboard](#) provides an overview of activity and severity for flu, RSV, and COVID-19.

[Sacramento County Public Health Community Influenza \(flu\) Clinics](#) will be offered through November 2026.

## REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

Under [Title 17 California Code of Regulations](#), health care providers are required to report a case or suspected case of a disease or condition. [Additional diseases and conditions must be reported locally in Sacramento](#)



## VACCINE STORAGE AND HANDLING

Maintaining vaccine effectiveness requires that all vaccines are stored within the manufacturer-recommended temperature ranges. Vaccines must remain within manufacturer-recommended temperatures throughout the cold chain, from production to administration, to avoid reduced effectiveness, revaccination, and financial loss. Protecting the cold chain requires consistent temperature monitoring, trained staff, reliable equipment, and a clear vaccine management plan. The California Department of Public Health provides detailed guidance and [job aids](#) on the new [EZIZ website](#) covering best practices for vaccine storage units, digital data loggers, and temperature monitoring. Additional [EZIZ online trainings](#) are available including storing and monitoring vaccines.

## CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY MEDICAL EXEMPTION (CAIR-ME)

In 2021, the California Department of Public Health launched the [California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption \(CAIR- ME\) website](#). This system streamlines the process of requesting, issuing, managing, and tracking both temporary and permanent medical exemptions for students across the state. When a school receives a medical exemption for a newly enrolled student, staff should email [medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov) to request access to CAIR-ME and verify the exemption's status.

## MEASLES

As of [September 7, 2026](#), there [have been 59 confirmed cases of measles](#) in California reported. The [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)'S Measles Toolkit](#) provides resources regarding the spread of measles and the benefits of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Center for Disease Control (CDC) has its [Be Ready for Measles Toolkit](#) which includes [Preparing and Responding to Measles: Checklist for K-12 Schools](#) and [Preparing and Responding to Measles: Checklist for Early Care and Education Centers](#). These resources should be implemented in coordination with the local health department.

