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SB 277 - Effective in 2016

- No new PBEs for current immunization requirements at child care or schools
- Specific PBEs for current pupils submitted before January 1, 2016 remain valid:
 - If in child care, until TK/Kindergarten
 - If in TK-6th grade, until 7th grade

SB 277 - Effective in 2016

- Removes immunization entry requirements for students who are in:
 - Home-based private schools
 - Independent study programs and do not receive classroom-based instruction
- Students in these categories still need to provide iz records to their schools before entry
- Schools will still need to report to CDPH the immunization status of all students in child care, Kindergarten and 7th grade.

Special Education Services

Under SB 277, the immunization requirements in California Health and Safety Code Section 120335 do “not prohibit a pupil who qualifies for an individualized education program, pursuant to federal law and Section 56026 of the Education Code, from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her individualized education program.

Special Education Services

- Students with IEPs continue to receive all special education and related services required in their IEPs regardless of the immunization requirements.
- Schools may consult with legal and policy resources at their Local Education Agencies regarding the implementation of IEPs as related to SB 277.
- CDPH continues to review SB 277 in consultation with CDE and CDSS.

“Related Services, as listed under IDEA, include...”

- Audiology services
- Counseling services
- Early identification and assessment of disabilities in children
- Medical services
- Occupational therapy
- Orientation and mobility services
- Parent counseling and training
- Physical therapy
- Psychological services
- Recreation
- Rehabilitation counseling services
- School health services
- Social work services in schools
- Speech-language pathology services
- Transportation

IEP / IDEA – Placement decisions

- Least restrictive environment (LRE) requirements
 - To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities must be educated with children who do not have disabilities
- “...Special classes, separate schools, or other removal from the regular educational environment may occur only if the child's disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.
- “Depending on the needs of the child, IEP may be carried out in the regular class, a special class (for some or all of the day), a special school, at home, in a hospital and institution, or in another setting

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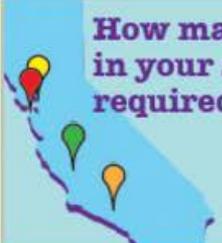
- Will all children with existing exemptions on file have to file a new form?
- Where is the immunization reporting login for school assessments?
- Questions About Immunizations, Tdap Requirement, PBEs and More

News

- [New Law Eliminates Personal Belief Exemptions >>](#)
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Immunization Reporting

[Login and Instructions](#)

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Tools

- [California School Immunization Record \(Blue Card\)](#)
- [Guide to Immunizations Required Child Care | K-12](#)
- [Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule](#)

New Laws

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- [New Law \(SB 277\) Effective in 2016 | FAQs | Spanish FAQs | Russian FAQs](#)
- [Summary of Current Law Expiring in 2016 \(AB2109\) | FAQs](#)
- [PBE Form \(CDPH 8262\) Spanish | Other Languages](#)

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6. Which facilities are affected by the new law in 2016 and future years?

Personal Beliefs Exemptions Ending

7. In the new law on immunization requirements, are religious beliefs distinguished from other personal beliefs?
8. Will personal beliefs exemptions filed during or after 2016 be valid?
9. Will personal beliefs exemptions, including those based on religious beliefs, filed in California before 2016 remain valid in later years?
10. Is a personal beliefs exemption still valid if a child transfers between child-care facilities in California after 2015?

-  Safest (95-100% of students fully vaccinated)
-  Moderately Vulnerable (90-94.9% of students fully vaccinated)
-  More Vulnerable(80-89.9% of students fully vaccinated)
-  Most Vulnerable (less than 80.0% of students fully vaccinated)
-  Delinquent (Failed to report in in 2014-15)*

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