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To: Child Care Facility Managers, California County/District Superintendents, School Principals and Nurses

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Subject: Annual Immunization Assessment Reporting for 2023-2024

1. **Annual Immunization Assessment Reporting for 2023-2024**

_California Health and Safety Code Section 120375 and California Code of Regulations Section 6075_ require all child care facilities and schools (including home schools) to review student immunization records and report annually on the immunization status of their students. This year, facilities and schools will need to report the immunization status of children in:

- Pre-kindergarten/child care (ages 2-5 years)
- TK/K (not 1st grade)
- 7th grade (not 8th grade)

**New Reporting Site!**

The reporting website has moved to the [CAIR Hub](http://www.CDPH.ca.gov/SchoolReporting). You will need to:

1. Register for a CAIR Hub account (SCRL users already have one)
2. Set up a user profile
3. Log in to CAIR Hub to report using the Immunization Reporting application on your dashboard.

CDPH will host webinars on how to use the new reporting site on **October 4 for schools** and **October 11 for child care facilities**.

Before reporting, please review the guidance at [www.CDPH.ca.gov/SchoolReporting](http://www.CDPH.ca.gov/SchoolReporting). Check that each student has in the cumulative file a complete and accurate:

- California School Immunization Record (CSIR or “Blue Card”), or
- Electronic record of required vaccinations (can be stored in a computerized system).
If your school is closed or does not have students for the applicable ages or grades, please sign-in to report the school’s closure or lack of students.

**Key Information**
Reporting deadline: December 1, 2023
Reporting guidance: [www.CDPH.ca.gov/SchoolReporting](http://www.CDPH.ca.gov/SchoolReporting)
Website: Sign up for access to CAIR Hub now and submit your report before December 1.

2. **New Online Training Modules**

Visit the [new online training for schools](http://new.onlinetraining) designed to support your efforts in implementing the immunization requirements, including updated trainings on reporting for all cohorts. Learn how to gather necessary immunization information, complete the reporting worksheet, and report your immunization information in the new reporting site.

3. **Updates to Medical Exemption Immunization Requirements**

In 2021, CDPH launched the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption (CAIR-ME) website as the only method in California to issue and track new medical exemptions from required vaccines for children attending school or child care facilities. Once you receive a new medical exemption from an incoming enrollee, please request access to CAIR-ME by emailing [medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov). You will be able to view and verify the status of medical exemptions in CAIR-ME for children attending your school or facility. Please visit the [Exemption FAQs](http://exemptionFAQs) for additional information.

4. **Immunization Compliance Continued for 2023-2024 K-12 School Audits**

The annual financial and compliance audits of public schools by local educational agencies will include an immunization component for schools with kindergarten or 7th grade that:

- Did not submit immunization assessment reports or
- Had conditional admission and overdue rates above 10% reported in the fall.

Schools found to have improperly admitted students that do not meet immunization requirements may be subject to docking of ADA payments for those children. For more information, see [http://eaap.ca.gov](http://eaap.ca.gov).
5. **Summary of Child Care / Preschool Requirements**

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<td>18 months through 5 years</td>
<td>3 Polio 4 DTaP 3 Hep B 1 Hib⁴ 1 MMR</td>
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<td>On or after the 1st birthday:</td>
<td>1 Hib⁴ 1 MMR</td>
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Complete version: [Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten](#) or [17 CCR 6025, Table A](#).

6. **Summary of TK/K-12 Requirements**

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<td>K-12 Admission</td>
<td>4 Polio⁴ 5 DTaP³ 3 Hep B² 2 MMR¹ 2 Varicella</td>
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<td>(7th-12th)</td>
<td>K-12 doses + 1 Tdap</td>
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<td>7th Grade Advancement⁵⁻¹⁰</td>
<td>1 Tdap³ 2 Varicella¹⁰</td>
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Complete version at: [Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry](#) or [17 CCR 6025, Table B](#).

7. **SB 277 Exceptions**

Under Senate Bill 277, immunization requirements do not apply to students who attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. Reporting will continue to monitor all students who are missing vaccines for any reason, including reasons allowed by Senate Bill 277.

Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) should continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.

8. **New Dashboard of Child Care and School Immunization Rates**

A new [dashboard](#) is now available to look up previously reported immunization rates at child care facilities and schools by year, district, immunization status, and other variables.
Thank you for your continued efforts to protect California’s schoolchildren from life-threatening diseases.

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