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To: Child Care Facility Managers, California County/District Superintendents,

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Subject: Annual Immunization Assessment Reporting for 2025-2026

<u>California Health and Safety Code section 120375 and California Code of Regulations section 6075</u> requires all child care facilities and schools (including home schools) to review student immunization records and report annually on the immunization status of their children in pre-kindergarten/child care (ages 2-5 years), TK/kindergarten, or 7th grade.

1. Reporting Website at CAIR Hub

Reporting deadline: **December 5, 2025**

Reporting guidance: CDPH School Reporting Site (CDPH.ca.gov/SchoolReporting)

Website: CAIR Hub – log in required

- New users need to register for a CAIR Hub account (<u>School and Child Care Roster Lookup tool [SCRL]</u> users already have one) and set up a user profile, then log in to CAIR Hub to use the Immunization Reporting application on the dashboard.
- Prior users sign in with the same email address used for registration. If you have not logged in in the last 90 days, you will be prompted to reset your password.
- If your school is closed or does not have students for the applicable ages or grades, sign in to report the school's closure or lack of students or your school will be considered delinquent.
- Before starting, please review the guidance at the <u>CDPH School Reporting page</u>. Check that each student has in their cumulative file a complete and accurate California School Immunization Record (CSIR or "Blue Card") or an electronic record of required vaccinations (can be stored in a computerized system).



2. Online Training Modules

Visit the online training for <u>pre-kindergarten</u> and <u>schools</u> designed to support your efforts in implementing the immunization requirements, including trainings on reporting for all cohorts. Learn how to gather necessary immunization information, complete the reporting worksheet, and report your immunization information in the reporting site.

3. Medical Exemption Immunization Requirements

In 2021, CDPH launched the <u>California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption</u> (<u>CAIR-ME</u>) <u>website</u> 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 <u>medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov</u>. You will be able to view and verify the status of medical exemptions in CAIR-ME for children attending your school or facility. Please see the resources at <u>Exemption FAQs</u> including the <u>one-page guide</u> and <u>interactive training module</u> on how to verify and process medical exemptions in CAIR-ME.

4. Immunization Compliance Continued for 2025-2026 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 meeting immunization requirements may be subject to docking of ADA payments for those children. For more information, see the Education Audit Appeals Panel 2025-2026 Audit Guide.

5. Summary of Child Care / Preschool Requirements

| AGE WHEN ADMITTED | TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{2,3} | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------|---------|--------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 18 months through 5 years | 3 Polio | 4 DTaP | 3 Hep B | | 1 Varicella | | |
| | On or after the 1st birthday: | | | 1 Hib ⁴ | 1 MMR | | |

Complete version: <u>Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten</u> or <u>17 CCR 6025, Table A</u>.

6. Summary of TK/K-12 Requirements

| Grade | Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization 1, 2, 3 | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--|--|
| K-12 Admission | 4 Polio⁴ | 5 DTaP ⁵ | 3 Hep B ⁶ | 2 MMR ⁷ | 2 Varicella | | |
| (7th-12th) ⁸ | K-12 doses | + 1 Tdap | | | | | |
| 7th Grade Advancement ^{9,10} | | 1 Tdap ⁸ | | | | | |

Complete version at: <u>Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry</u> or <u>17</u> 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. Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) should continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.

Reporting will continue to monitor all students who are missing vaccines for any reason, including reasons allowed by Senate Bill 277. Schools are still required to request, maintain, and report records of immunizations that have been received for these students.

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect California's schoolchildren from life-threatening diseases.

For questions, contact your Local Health Department.

cc: Immunization Branch Field Representatives

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