

Dear EZIZ Users,

Are your patients protected against vaccine-preventable diseases and ready for school entry this fall?

With new school immunization [regulations](#) now in effect, consult the following resources to ensure your patients have the vaccines they need to start school:

- [Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-kindergarten \(Child Care\)](#)
- [Guide to Immunization Requirements for K-12th Grade](#)
- [Provider Toolkit for 7th Grade Requirement](#)

Please note: all 7th graders need one Tdap and two chickenpox shots. Other vaccines may be required based on a patient's admission status. Use [this guide](#) to help patients get caught up.

Communicating with Parents:

Looking for some inspiration to encourage parents to get their children immunized?

Start with the presumptive approach. That is, assume parents will immunize their children.

- “I see that Lucas is now 11 years old and entering 7th grade! Before you leave today, I will be immunizing Lucas with all of the shots required for school and others recommended for his age to protect against whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, and meningococcal meningitis.”
- “Sofia just turned 4 and there are several immunizations that are recommended for her age that are very important. I'll get those ready for you now, so I can give them to her before you leave today. As her doctor, I want to make sure she's protected against dangerous diseases.”

If parents are still hesitant, listen to each of their concerns and address them. You can also reassure them by saying:

- **Connect parent to parent:** “I immunized my own children and it is one of the best decisions I have made as a parent. I want

nothing less for Emma, and this is why I strongly recommend these immunizations for her today.”

- **Share a personal story:** “I have seen firsthand what these diseases can do to a child. This year’s measles outbreaks are a key reminder of how quickly diseases can spread when children aren’t vaccinated.”

Please see [this guide](#) and these [key messages](#) for more ideas. Thank you for your continued efforts in protecting California’s children against vaccine-preventable diseases.



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