

TO: Schools

FROM: CDPH

SUBJECT: CDPH Early Alert: Immunization Regulations Changes for the 2019-2020 School Year

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Changes to California school immunization requirement regulations will become effective starting July 1st, 2019.

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, the changes include, but are not limited to:

- Requiring 2 (rather than 1) doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine at
 - Kindergarten entry
 - 7th grade advancement
 - K-12 admission or transfer
- Requiring 2 MMR doses and 3 Hepatitis B vaccine doses at admission or transfer more uniformly throughout K-12 (age restrictions are removed)
- Medical exemptions for new admissions may be signed only by a **California-licensed MD/DO**
- Each temporary medical exemption may be issued for no more than 12 months.

Links to the revised regulations [17 CCR §6000 - §6075]:

- [Version showing edits](#)
- [Version without mark-ups](#)

Schools can start preparing for these changes by:

- Recording all chickenpox vaccine doses for admissions on the Blue Card or school information system
- Compiling lists of (at least) current 5th grade students with no record of a 2nd dose of varicella vaccine.

Future resources to support your implementation of these regulations for new entrants starting in 2019-2020 will include revised:

- Immunization requirement schedules and guides
- Blue Cards for recording doses.

Please watch for updates at www.shotsforschool.org and by email.

