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SUBJECT: New School Immunization Requirements Effective July 1st, 2019
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Dear Healthcare Provider:

New California child care and school immunization [regulations](#) go into effect on July 1st, 2019.

Students entering Transitional Kindergarten (TK)/Kindergarten, advancing into 7th grade, OR who are new admissions/transfers will need proof of 2 (rather than 1) doses of chickenpox vaccine before starting the 2019-2020 school year and all future school years.

Act now to ensure your adolescent patients are protected against vaccine preventable diseases and are ready for school entry next fall by taking the following steps:

1. **Make reminder and recall phone calls and send notices NOW** to your patients who have not yet received two doses of chickenpox vaccine, or who are missing other required vaccines. See this [template phone script](#) for ideas.
2. **Order enough chickenpox vaccine** to immunize your patients affected by the new law. Before ordering, **ensure you have adequate storage** in your vaccine freezer for your orders.
3. **Immunize with chickenpox vaccine NOW and at every opportunity**, including sports physicals and visits for mild illness or injury, and **give other recommended immunizations**: Tdap, meningococcal conjugate, HPV, influenza, and any catch-up doses of MMR and hepatitis B.
4. **Provide your patients and their schools with clear and accurate documentation of varicella immunization.** If you use the [California Immunization Registry](#), consider printing out a copy of the 'Blue Card' after chickenpox vaccine has been given for the student to take to school.
5. **Post downloadable [electronic banners](#) on your practice's website** and in electronic newsletters to help notify your patients.

Visit shotsforschool.org for more [preteen vaccination resources](#) and more information on the new [school requirements](#).

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