



The California Department of Public Health has launched the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption (CAIR-ME, <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions>) website to request, issue, manage, and track medical exemptions from required immunizations for children attending school or child care facilities. CAIR-ME was created in response to laws passed in 2019 (Senate Bills [276](#) and [714](#)).

Starting January 1, 2021, new medical exemptions for children can only be issued using the CAIR-ME website. MDs and DOs licensed in California can register to use CAIR-ME at any time in order to issue a medical exemption. Current users of CAIR2 will still need to register to use CAIR-ME. Instructions are available on [CAIR-ME](#) along with on-screen prompts to guide you through registration and the submission of a medical exemption.

Per state law, medical exemptions should meet applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) criteria for appropriate medical exemptions or be consistent with the relevant standard of care.

CDPH will host a provider webinar Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 from 12pm-1pm to review the new requirements and process for submitting exemptions in CAIR-ME. Look for an email invitation in the next week. The webinar will be recorded and available for on-demand viewing on the [CAIR-ME](#) website.