

**TO:** EZIZ Users

**FROM:** CDPH

**SUBJECT:** AB 2109 Notification Message

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**Starting in 2014, new California law modifies process for obtaining exemptions to student immunizations based on personal beliefs**

*Assembly Bill (AB) 2109 will require documentation that health care practitioners have informed parents about vaccines and diseases*

Assembly Bill (AB) 2109 has been chaptered into California law. As a result, **beginning in 2014** parents or guardians seeking an exemption because of their personal beliefs to an immunization required for California students will need to document for schools:

1. Their receipt of information about immunizations and communicable diseases from authorized health care practitioners, who are also required to document their provision of such information.
  - This documentation may not be signed more than 6 months prior to when immunization is required (typically, the start of the school year).
  - Authorized health care practitioners will include licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, naturopathic doctors and credentialed school nurses.
2. Which required immunizations the student has received and not received.

In signing the bill, the Governor stated that he will direct the California Department of Public Health to allow for a separate religious exemption.

Additional information about the implementation of this law will become available in 2013 and 2014.

The text of AB 2109 is available at [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201120120AB2109](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120AB2109).

The Governor's Signing Message is available at: [http://gov.ca.gov/docs/AB\\_2109\\_Signing\\_Message.pdf](http://gov.ca.gov/docs/AB_2109_Signing_Message.pdf).

Current California immunization laws may be found at <http://www.shotsforschool.org/immunizationlaws/>. Additional information about immunizations for school is available at <http://www.shotsforschool.org/>.