



# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REFERENCE GUIDE

**TITLE:** Compliance with California Immunization Law – Removal of the Personal Belief Exemption from School Vaccination Requirements

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**MAJOR CHANGES:** This is a New Reference Guide.

**PURPOSE:** Under California Health and Safety Code, Sections 120325-120375, children in California are required to receive certain immunizations in order to attend public and private elementary and secondary schools, child care centers, family day care homes, nursery schools, day nurseries, and developmental centers. Schools and child care centers are required to enforce immunization requirements, maintain immunization records of all children enrolled, and submit reports. California Code of Regulations Title 17 Division 1, Chapter 4, and Subchapter 8 specify California school immunization requirements and provide additional clarification of the law, available at [www.oal.ca.gov](http://www.oal.ca.gov). Immunizations against ten vaccine-preventable diseases are currently required for Preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> grade entry: Diphtheria, Haemophilus Influenza Type B, Measles, Mumps, Pertussis, Poliomyelitis, Rubella, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, and Varicella.

On June 30, 2015, Senate Bill 277 (SB 277) was signed into law. SB 277 removes the Personal Belief Exemption (PBE) option and allows exemptions from school immunization requirements only for medical reasons. SB 277 applies to students first admitted to school, child care, or entering seventh grade starting in 2016. New exemptions from immunizations for religious beliefs and personal beliefs are no longer available beginning January 1, 2016. SB 277 does allow pupils who, prior to January 1, 2016, have a letter or affidavit on file at a private or public elementary or secondary school, child day care center, nursery school, or development center stating beliefs opposed to immunization, to be enrolled in a school or child care center within the state until the pupil enrolls in the next “grade span,” as defined. Grade span is defined as each of the following: birth to preschool, transitional kindergarten/kindergarten through grade 6, inclusive, and grades 7 through 12, inclusive.

### ROUTING

LD Superintendents  
Administrators of Instruction  
Administrators of Operations  
School Site Administrators  
School Nurses  
School Administrative Assistants



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A PBE filed in California before January 1, 2016, including those based on religious beliefs at:

- A child care facility will remain valid until the child first enters the span between transitional kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Entry to any grade between transitional kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will remain valid until the child completes 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Entry to any grade from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> will remain valid through 12th grade.

Except as under the circumstances described above, on and after July 1, 2016, the bill would prohibit a governing authority from unconditionally admitting to any of those institutions for the first time or admitting or advancing any pupil to the 7th grade level, unless the pupil has been immunized as required by the bill.

The Bill's provisions do not prohibit a student who qualifies for an Individualized Education Program (IEP), pursuant to specified laws, from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her IEP. The bill would narrow the authorization for temporary exclusion from a school or other institution to make it applicable only to a child who has been exposed to a specified disease and whose documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization.

### INSTRUCTIONS: I. POLICY

This Reference Guide supplements BUL-1660.8, *Immunization Guidelines for School Admission*.

This Reference Guide provides guidelines for complying with the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 277, the state law that removes the Personal Belief Exemption from school immunization requirements.

### II. BACKGROUND

The science is clear that immunizations dramatically protect children against a number of infectious and life-threatening diseases. While it is true that no medical intervention is without risk, there is increasing evidence that immunizations have a significant health benefit to the individual and the community.

The existing law requires students receive certain immunizations prior to attending a public or private elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center. Prior to 2016, parents/guardians could exempt their child from the immunization requirements for personal belief or religious reasons. Prior to 2014, parents/guardians could sign an affidavit declaring a personal belief exemption on the back of the California School Immunization Record form (PM 286B [3/01] Attachment B). After 2014, a new state law required parents/guardians and health care providers to complete a form called



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“Personal Belief Exemptions to Required Immunizations” (CDPH 8262 Attachment A) which documented the receipt of information about the risks to the student and community when waiving immunization requirements. These forms, as well as letters or affidavits with appropriate legal elements for exemption, that are received and filed in the student health record before January 1, 2016 will be honored until the student reaches the next “grade span.” While no new personal belief or religious exemptions to immunizations will be honored after that date, students with medical exemptions will continued to be admitted and enrolled. The guidelines and resources for implementation of SB 277 are described below.

### III. GUIDELINES

#### A. General Guidance

1. Parents/guardians must provide a written immunization record documenting the student has received the required immunizations prior to enrolling in public or private elementary or secondary schools, child care centers, nursery schools or development centers.
2. If a licensed physician writes a statement to the effect that the physical condition or medical circumstances, including family medical history, are such that immunization is not considered safe, and the physician does not recommend immunization, that child shall be exempt from the requirements.
3. If a student has a valid PBE on file before January 1, 2016, then the student shall be exempt from the requirements until the beginning of the next “grade span,” at which time they will need to be compliant with all immunization requirements before progressing to the next grade span.
4. Until the California Department of Public Health issues further guidance, the District will not deny any IEP services to qualified students, regardless of their immunization status.

#### B. Standard Immunization Verification Process for Enrollment

1. New Personal Belief Exemptions (PBE) may not be accepted as of January 1, 2016. Students with proof of a previously filed PBE may be enrolled.
  - a. If a student has not been vaccinated and the school believes he or she has been exposed to a disease covered by vaccination laws, a school may temporarily exclude the student from school until the local health officer is satisfied that the child is no longer a risk of developing or transmitting the disease. (Health and Safety Code section 120370).
2. School staff should refer to BUL-1660.8 *Immunization Guidelines for School Admission* when reviewing and verifying immunizations.
  - a. Immunizations may be retrieved and printed through the MiSiS. You may also assess, retrieve, or print immunizations into a



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- California School Immunization Record (CSIR) from the Welligent (Electronic Health Record) for auditing purposes.
3. Any new or transferring student without a previously filed PBE who is found to be non-compliant with State immunization requirements at the time of enrollment should not be allowed to enroll.
  4. Staff should refer the non-compliant student and parent/guardian to the School Nurse. If the School Nurse is not present, staff enrolling the student should refer the student and parent/guardian to their health care provider or to their local Department of Health Services for the required immunization(s). Other resources for immunizations are also available on the LAUSD website under District Nursing Services.
  5. School staff should follow the documentation processes described in BUL-1660.8 *Immunization Guidelines for School Admission*
- C. Exemption from Immunization for Medical Reasons at Time of Enrollment
1. Parents/guardians must provide a medical exemption letter signed by either a California licensed Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).
  2. School staff should follow the documentation processes described in BUL-1660.8 *Immunization Guidelines for School Admission*
- D. Students with an IEP at Time of Enrollment
1. The District will not deny any IEP services to qualified students, regardless of immunization status.
  2. Students with an IEP should be immunized unless they have an exemption for medical reasons.
  3. Students with an IEP whose parent/guardian refuses to recognize SB 277 should not be prevented from enrolling. A School Nurse should speak with the parent regarding the health benefits of being immunized.
  4. At the next scheduled IEP meeting, the School Nurse or IEP Team Member should discuss immunizations with the parent/guardian. The parent's or guardian's decision to not follow immunization requirements should be documented in the IEP.
  5. If a student has not been vaccinated and the school believes he or she has been exposed to a disease covered by vaccination laws, a school may temporarily exclude the student from school until the local health officer is satisfied that the child is no longer a risk of developing or transmitting the disease. (Health and Safety Code section 120370).
- E. Students with a Personal Belief Exemption (PBE) on File Before January 1, 2016
1. School staff should ensure all students are in compliance with immunization requirements.
  2. School staff should inform the parent/guardian of students with a PBE on file that their PBE will no longer be valid at the beginning of the next "grade span" and encourage immediate compliance.



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3. Prior to a student with a valid PBE moving from one “grade span” to another “grade span,” school staff must notify the parent/guardian at least 10 school days before the date of exclusion. The following transition points should be considered:
    - a. Child care facility to transitional kindergarten or kindergarten
    - b. 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- F. Additional School Responsibilities
1. At the time of enrollment, school personnel should make a photocopy of the immunization record. The copy should be kept with the student’s health record. School personnel will enter immunization data in My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS). **DO NOT ENTER IMMUNIZATIONS** into Welligent.
  2. State audit for immunizations requires that immunization records are assessed for kindergarten, 7th grade, State Preschool, and Early Childhood Centers ages 2 through 4 years. Submit annual reports to the California Department of Public Health.
  3. The State may also conduct random immunization audits. Contact the Local District Nursing Administrator immediately if notified of any immunization audit.
  4. School administrators are responsible to distribute a notice to parents and guardians about vaccine exemptions/immunizations due at least once per school year to all students entering kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. (Attachments C, C-1, D, D-1)
  5. Refer to Frequently Asked Questions (Attachment E)
- G. School Nurse Responsibilities
1. When assessing each student’s immunization status, the School Nurse will need to give priority to:
    - a. Students that are non-compliant with immunization requirements
    - b. Students conditionally admitted:
      - (1) The California Administrative Code and Board Rule 2313 requires school administrators to exclude a student who does not meet the immunization requirements within the specified time periods when the following conditions are met:
        - (a) Parent/Guardian has been informed of public sources of immunization administration.
        - (b) Parent/Guardian has been notified at least 10 school days before the date of exclusion.
      - (2) When recommending exclusion of non-compliant students and/or conditionally-admitted students, the School Nurse as the administrator’s designee, must notify the school administrator before excluding students.
  2. Coordinate distribution of letters to parents and guardians about vaccine exemptions/immunizations due, at least once per school year



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for all students entering kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. (Attachments C, C-1, D, D-1)

3. Refer to Frequently Asked Questions (Attachment E).

### RELATED RESOURCES:

- [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)
- [California Department of Education \(CDE\)](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#)
- [California Medical Association \(CMA\)](#)
- [California School Nurses Organization \(CSNO\)](#)
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [National Association of School Nurses \(NASN\)](#)
- [California Legislative Information: Senate Bill No. 277](#)
- <http://www.shotsforschool.org/immunizationlaws/>
- <http://www.shotsforschool.org/child-care/>
- <http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>
- <http://www.shotsforschool.org/7th-grade/>
- [http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/exemptions/#personal belief exemption](http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/exemptions/#personal%20belief%20exemption)
- <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>
- <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/conditional-admission>

### ASSISTANCE:

For assistance or further information, please contact the Communicable Disease Unit or Director, Nursing Services at 213-202-7580; Director, Student Medical Services at 213-202-7584.





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ATTACHMENT A

## PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION TO REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

**NOTE:** Only permitted if signed and filed with school before January 1, 2016

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

California Department of Public Health



### PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION TO REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS



STUDENT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	BIRTHDATE MONTH / DAY / YEAR	TELEPHONE NUMBER
PARENT/GUARDIAN – NAME		ADDRESS		
<b>A. AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED IN CALIFORNIA – FILL OUT THIS SECTION</b>				
I am a (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> M.D./D.O. <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Naturopathic Doctor <input type="checkbox"/> Credentialed School Nurse				
Provision of information: I have provided the parent or guardian of the student named above, the adult who has assumed responsibility for the care and custody of the student, or the student if an emancipated minor, with information regarding 1) the benefits and risks of immunization and 2) the health risks to the student and to the community of the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in California (immunizations listed in Table below).				
Signature of authorized health care practitioner		Practitioner name, address, telephone number:		
Date - within 6 months before entry to child care or school				
<b>B. PARENT OR GUARDIAN – FILL OUT THESE SECTIONS</b>				
I. Check one of the boxes below:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Receipt of information: I have received information provided by an authorized health care practitioner regarding 1) the benefits and risks of immunization and 2) the health risks to the student named above and to the community of the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in California (immunizations listed in Table below).				
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious beliefs: I am a member of a religion which prohibits me from seeking medical advice or treatment from authorized health care practitioners. (Signature of a health care practitioner not required in Part A.)				
Signature of parent or guardian		Date - within 6 months before entry to child care or school		
<b>II. AFFIDAVIT</b>				
Immunizations already received: I have provided the child care or school with a record of all immunizations the student has received that are required for admission (California Health and Safety Code §120365).				
Immunizations for which exemption is requested: An unimmunized student and the student's contacts at school and home are at greater risk of becoming ill with a vaccine-preventable disease. I understand that an unimmunized student may be excluded from attending school or child care during an outbreak of, or after exposure to, any of these diseases for the protection of the student and others (17 CCR §6060). I hereby request exemption of the student named above from the required immunizations checked below because such immunization is contrary to my beliefs.				
School Category	Table of Required Immunizations – Check box(es) to request exemption.			
Child Care Only	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib meningitis)			
Child Care and K-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis [whooping cough])		<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)		<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap (Tetanus, reduced Diphtheria, Pertussis [whooping cough])		<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (Chickenpox)	
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advancement (or admission at 7-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)				
Signature of parent or guardian		Date		

The California Department of Public Health places strict controls on the gathering and use of personally identifiable data. Personal information is not disclosed, made available, or otherwise used for purposes other than those specified at the time of collection, except with consent or as authorized by law or regulation. The Department's information management practices are consistent with the Information Practices Act (Civil Code Section 1798 et seq.), the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), Government Code Sections 111015.5 and 111019.9, and with other applicable laws pertaining to information privacy.

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## CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RECORD WITH PERSONAL BELIEFS AFFADAVIT (CSIR/Blue Card/PM286B [3/01])

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RECORD**  
This record is part of the student's permanent record (cumulative folder) as defined in Section 49068 of the Education Code and shall transfer with that record. Local health departments shall have access to this record in schools, child care facilities and family day care homes.

This record must be completed by school and child care personnel from an immunization record provided by parent or guardian. See reverse side for instructions.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M ☐ F ☐ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity:  
☐ White, not hispanic  
☐ Hispanic  
☐ Black  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Nighttime City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

VACCINE	DATE EACH DOSE WAS GIVEN					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Booster
POLIO (OPV or IPV)						
DTP/DTaP/DT/Td <small>(Diphtheria, tetanus and [acellular] pertussis OR tetanus and diphtheria only)</small>						
MMR (Measles, mumps, and rubella)						
(Required only for child care and preschool) HIB MENINGITIS (Haemophilus B)						
HEPATITIS B						
VARICELLA (Chickenpox)						

TB	Type*	Date given	Date read	Imm indur	Impression
SKIN TESTS	<input type="checkbox"/> PPD-Mantoux				<input type="checkbox"/> Pos
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other				<input type="checkbox"/> Neg
	<input type="checkbox"/> PPD-Mantoux				<input type="checkbox"/> Pos
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other				<input type="checkbox"/> Neg

\*If required for school entry, must be Mantoux unless exception granted by local health department.

CHEST X-RAY  
(Necessary if skin test positive.)

Film date: \_\_\_\_\_ Impression: ☐ normal ☐ abnormal  
Person free of communicable tuberculosis: ☐ yes ☐ no

**I. DOCUMENTATION**  
I certify that I reviewed a record of this child's immunizations and transcribed it accurately:  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Record presented was:  
☐ Yellow California Imm. Record  
☐ Out-of-state school record  
☐ Other immunization record  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. STATUS OF REQUIREMENTS**  
☐ A. All requirements are met.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ B. Currently up-to-date, but more doses are due later. Needs follow-up.  
Exemption was granted for:  
☐ C. Medical Reasons—Permanent  
☐ D. Medical Reasons—Temporary  
☐ E. Personal Beliefs

**III. 7th GRADE ENTRY**  
☐ A. All requirements are met.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ B. Currently up-to-date, but more doses are due later. Needs follow-up.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
IMMUNIZATION BRANCH

PM 286B (3/01)





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## CSIR - PERSONAL BELIEFS AFFIDAVIT (CSIR/Blue Card/PM286B [3/01])

**NOTE: Only permitted if signed and filed with school before January 1, 2016**

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE STAFF

1. Complete child's name and address information section, or ask parent or guardian to complete this section only. (This form is not to be sent home or given to parents to complete.)
2. School or child care personnel then fill in date (month/day/year) of each immunization the student has received from the Immunization Record presented by the parent or guardian. (If the date consists only of month and year for some doses, fill in month/xx/year; however, if either measles, rubella or mumps (or MMR) was received in the month of the first birthday, month/day/year is required.)
3. Determine if immunization requirements have been met, using the California "Immunization Requirements for Grades K-12," or "Immunization Requirements for Child Care," (available from Immunization Coordinators in local health departments), or other requirements guide.
4. Complete the Documentation and Status of Requirements box.
  - A. Fill in date and your signature as the staff member who reviewed and transcribed the immunization record presented by the parent or guardian. Check which type of record was presented.
  - B. If the child has met all immunization requirements, check box A and write in date.
  - C. If the child has not met all requirements, check box B. Child can be admitted only if up-to-date, e.g., no immunizations due currently. The child must be followed up as indicated in the "Guide to Immunization Requirements."
  - D. If a child is to be exempted for medical reasons, a doctor's written statement is required; the statement must include which immunization(s) is to be exempted and the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition. If the medical exemption is permanent, the requirement for the designated immunization(s) is met: check box A and box C.\* If the medical exemption is temporary, check box B and box D; this child must be followed up.\*
  - E. If a child is to be exempted for reasons of personal beliefs, the parent or guardian must sign and date the affidavit below. No other parents should sign this affidavit. All requirements are met; check box A and box E.\*

### PERSONAL BELIEFS AFFIDAVIT TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN—IMMUNIZATION

I hereby request exemption of the child, named on the front, from the immunization requirements for school/child care entry because all or some immunizations are contrary to my beliefs. I understand that in case of an outbreak of any one of these diseases, the child may be temporarily excluded from attending for his/her protection.

### CREENCIAS PERSONALES: ESTA DECLARACIÓN JURADA DEBE SER FIRMADA POR EL PADRE O LA MADRE O EL GUARDIÁN

Solicito por la presente la dispensa de mi hijo, nombrado en el reverso, de los requisitos para vacunas de la entrada a la escuela/guardería ya que algunas o todas de las vacunas son opuestas a mis creencias. Comprendo que en caso de un brote en la comunidad de alguna de estas enfermedades, mi hijo puede ser excluido temporalmente de la escuela/guardería por su propia protección.

Signature (Firma) \_\_\_\_\_ Date (Fecha) \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicable only in those jurisdictions where the Tuberculosis Assessment is required for school entry

#### Personal Beliefs Affidavit to be Signed by Parent or Guardian—Tuberculosis

I hereby request exemption of the child named on the front from the tuberculosis assessment requirement for school/child care center entry because this procedure(s) is contrary to my beliefs. I understand that should there be cause to believe that my child is infected with active tuberculosis or should there be a tuberculosis outbreak, my child may be temporarily excluded from school.

#### Creencias Personales: Declaración Jurada Debe ser Firmada por el Padre o la Madre o el Guardián

Solicito por la presente la dispensa de mi hijo, nombrado en el reverso, de los requisitos para la evaluación de la tuberculosis (tisis) de la entrada a la escuela ya que esta evaluación es opuesta a mis creencias. Comprendo que si hay razón para sospechar que mi hijo sufra de la tuberculosis activa o si hay un brote de la tuberculosis, mi hijo puede ser excluido de la escuela.

Signature (Firma) \_\_\_\_\_ Date (Fecha) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Names of all children who are exempt should be maintained on an exempt roster for immediate identification in case of disease outbreak in the community.



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## ATTACHMENT C

### SAMPLE LETTER (USE SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

#### NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ABOUT VACCINE EXEMPTIONS

Date:

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A new law, SB277, takes effect January 1, 2016. Personal and Religious Belief exemptions from immunizations will no longer be accepted.

Beginning July 1, 2016, all students entering or advancing to TK or kindergarten or to 7th grade will need proof of immunizations before starting the school year.

If your student does not have proof of immunizations on file at school beginning the next school year, he/she will not be allowed to attend school.

It is required that you **bring in proof of your child's immunizations** to the school now to avoid exclusion.

The immunizations may be given at your private physician's office or at one of the low- cost or no-cost vaccine clinics found below:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/locator.htm#> (list of Los Angeles clinics)  
<http://eziz.org/resources/parented/> (search for clinics by zip code) or dial 2-1-1 (Los Angeles County information line)

LAUSD Nursing Services also holds regular immunization clinics throughout the year during school hours. We serve children with Medi-Cal or no insurance. Contact your school or visit [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) or <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/6580> to access the online clinic schedules.

Thank you for your efforts in helping control the spread of infection while keeping children healthy.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

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School Principal

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School Nurse



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ATTACHMENT C-1

### SAMPLE LETTER (SPANISH) (USE SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

#### AVISO A LOS PADRES Y TUTORES LEGALES SOBRE LAS EXENCIONES DE LA VACUNAS

Fecha:

Estimado padre de familia o tutor legal:

Una nueva ley del Senado conocida como SB277 tuvo efecto el 1<sup>ro</sup> de enero del 2016. Las exenciones a las vacunas basadas en creencias religiosas o personales ya no serán aceptadas

A partir del 1<sup>ro</sup> de julio del 2016, todos los estudiantes que ingresen o pasen al Kinder de Transición / Kinder o al 7<sup>o</sup> grado necesitarán una prueba de vacunas antes de comenzar el año escolar.

Si su hijo no tiene una prueba de las vacunas en los archivos de la escuela a partir del próximo año escolar, no se le permitirá asistir a la escuela.

Se requiere que **usted** traiga **una prueba de las vacunas de su hijo** a la escuela **ahora** para evitar que no sea aceptado.

Las vacunas se pueden administrar en el consultorio de su médico privado o en una clínica en donde se administran vacunas sin costo o a bajo costo que puede encontrar en los sitios web a continuación: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/locator.htm#a> (lista de clínicas de Los Angeles) <http://eziz.org/resources/parented/> búsqueda de clínicas por código postal o llame al 2-1-1 (Línea de información del Condado de Los Angeles).

Los servicios de enfermería del LAUSD también cuentan con clínicas de vacunación regulares todo el año durante el horario escolar para niños con Medi-Cal o sin seguro médico. Póngase en contacto con su escuela o visite los sitios web: [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) o <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/6580> para los horarios de las clínicas.

Gracias por sus esfuerzos para ayudar a controlar la propagación de **infecciones** y mantener a los niños saludables.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con la enfermera de la escuela.

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Director(a) de la escuela

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Enfermera de la escuela



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ATTACHMENT D

## SAMPLE LETTER (USE SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTIFICATION OF IMMUNIZATION(S) DUE

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE/TRACK \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This notice is a reminder that your child's immunization series is incomplete. Additional immunizations are now due. The California Health and Safety Code Section, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380 and the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Sections 6000-6075 requires that your child received these immunizations in order to remain enrolled in school. The purpose of this law is to protect all students against serious childhood diseases.

Immunizations may be given by a private physician or are available without cost from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. For more information, please call 1-800-427-8700 for the location of free immunization clinics.

You must present written evidence from your physician or clinic that your child has received the necessary immunizations by the dates given below or your child will be:

**EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BEGINNING:** \_\_\_\_\_

### TAKE THIS NOTICE AND YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO YOUR PHYSICIAN OR CLINIC

According to school records, your child needs the immunization(s) checked below:

Polio/IPV:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
DTaP/DT/Td:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#4 <input type="checkbox"/>	#5 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tdap:</b>	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade requirement (given on or after 7<sup>th</sup> birthday)</b>			
Measles, Mumps, Rubella:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Hepatitis B:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Hib (applies to children under 4 years 6 months)	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Varicella	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>			

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

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School Nurse



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## SAMPLE LETTER (USE SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

### AVISO SOBRE EL PLAZO PARA LAS VACUNAS

Nombre del (de la) alumno(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Salón \_\_\_\_\_ Grado/Ciclo \_\_\_\_\_

Estimado padre, madre o tutor legal:

Este aviso tiene el fin de recordarle que a su hijo(a) todavía no se le han dado todas las vacunas obligatorias. Actualmente necesita vacunas adicionales. Según lo estipulado en los artículos 120325-120380, Fracción 105, Parte 2, Capítulo 1 del Código de Salubridad y Seguridad de California y los Artículos 6000-6075, Título 17, Fracción 1, Capítulo 4, Sección 8 del Código de Reglamentos de California, se requiere que su hijo(a) reciba estas vacunas para poder seguir asistiendo a la escuela. Esta ley tiene como fin proteger a todos los alumnos contra las enfermedades infantiles graves.

Las vacunas las puede dar un médico particular o se pueden obtener sin costo alguno en el Departamento de Servicios de Salud del Condado de Los Ángeles. Para más información, sírvase llamar al 1-800-427-8700 para averiguar dónde se encuentran las clínicas en las que se administran vacunas gratis.

Usted debe presentar constancia por escrito de parte de su médico o de la clínica que indique que su hijo(a) ha recibido todas las vacunas para las fechas indicadas más abajo o a su hijo(a):

**NO SE LE PERMITIRÁ ASISTIR A LA ESCUELA a partir del \_\_\_\_\_**

LLEVE A SU MÉDICO O A LA CLÍNICA DE SALUD ESTA NOTA Y EL HISTORIAL  
DE VACUNAS DE SU HIJO(A).

Según los archivos de la escuela, su hijo(a) necesita la(s) vacuna(s) indicada(s) a continuación:

Polio/IPV:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
DTaP/DT/Td:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#4 <input type="checkbox"/>	#5 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tdap:</b>	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Es obligatoria en el séptimo grado (se administra a partir de los 7 años).</b>			
Sarampión, paperas y rubéola	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Hepatitis B:	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Hib (se aplica a los niños de menos de 4 años y 6 meses)	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>	#3 <input type="checkbox"/>	#4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Varicela	#1 <input type="checkbox"/>	#2 <input type="checkbox"/>			

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, haga el favor de comunicarse con la enfermera de la escuela.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director(a)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Enfermero(a) escolar



## Senate Bill 277 Immunization Requirements for 2016 & Frequently Asked Questions

### Starting January 1, 2016:

- Personal and Religious beliefs exemptions, i.e.: PBE (there is NO distinction), will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into any school or child care facility, whether public or private in California.

#### EXCEPTION:

- Students will no longer be required to have immunizations for entry if they attend
  - A home-based private school or
  - An independent study program with no classroom-based instruction

### A PBE filed BEFORE 2016:

1. For entry into a child care facility
  - Will remain valid until the child first enters the span between TK/Kinder through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. For entry to any grade between transitional kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Will remain valid until the child completes 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. For entry to any grade from 7th through 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Will remain valid through 12th grade.
4. A student with a valid PBE filed before January 1, 2016 entering a new grade span
  - Must meet ALL age-appropriate immunizations requirements for admission into primary or secondary school.
  - OR; they must be enrolled in a home-based private school or an independent study program with no classroom-based instruction

### Transferring students with PBEs:

- **Personal and religious belief exemptions filed before January 1, 2016 are valid if a student transfers between schools and school districts, including child care, in California**
  - A PBE filed with a school before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (See above)
  - However, if the personal belief exemption documentation is no longer available, students must meet immunization requirements to attend public or private school
- PBEs from another State or Country are not valid in California schools.

### NOTE:

- Medical Exemptions are NOT PBEs and will be honored.
- Special Education students cannot be denied access to their IEP
- For Homeless Students please refer to BUL-1570.2 (6/20/2013)





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### 1. In 2016 and future years, which vaccines are required to enter child care or school in California?

#### Child Care

<http://www.shotsforschool.org/child-care/>

Age When Entering	Immunizations (shots) Required
2–3 Months	1 each of Polio, DTaP, Hib, Hep B
4–5 Months	2 each of Polio, DTaP, Hib, Hep B
6–14 Months	3 each of DTaP 2 each of Polio, Hib, Hep B
15–17 Months	3 each of Polio, DTaP 2 Hep B 1 MMR 1 Hib
18 months–5 years	3 Polio 4 DTaP 3 Hep B 1 MMR 1 Hib 1 Varicella

DTaP = [Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis](#)

Hib = [Haemophilus Influenza Type B](#)

Hep B = [Hepatitis B](#)

MMR = [Measles, Mumps, Rubella](#)

Varicella = [Chickenpox](#)

#### TK/Kindergarten

<http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

- [Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis](#) (DTaP, DTP, or DT) —5 doses  
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- [Polio](#) (OPV or IPV)—4 doses  
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- [Hepatitis B](#)—3 doses
- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella](#) (MMR)—2 doses  
(Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- [Varicella](#) (Chickenpox)—1 dose



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### 7th grade

<http://www.shotsforschool.org/7th-grade/>

- [Tetanus](#), [Diphtheria](#), [Pertussis](#) (Tdap) —1 dose  
(Whooping cough booster usually given at ages 11 and up)
- [Measles](#)-containing vaccine (MMR) — 2 doses  
(Usually given at 12 months of age and 4-6 years of age)

For students entering or transferring into California schools at other grade levels.  
<http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

#### **Students Admitted at Ages 4-6 years Need These Immunizations:**

- [Diphtheria](#), [Tetanus](#), and [Pertussis](#) (DTaP, DTP, or DT) —5 doses  
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- [Polio](#) (OPV or IPV)—4 doses  
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- [Hepatitis B](#)—3 doses
- [Measles](#), [Mumps](#), and [Rubella](#) (MMR)—2 doses  
(Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- [Varicella](#) (Chickenpox)—1 dose
- 

Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization. These immunization requirements also apply to students entering [transitional kindergarten](#).

#### **Students Admitted at Ages 7-17 Years Need These Immunizations:**

- [Diphtheria](#), [Tetanus](#), and [Pertussis](#) (DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td)—4 doses  
(3 doses OK if last dose was given on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday)
- [Polio](#) (OPV or IPV)—4 doses  
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday)
- [Measles](#), [Mumps](#), and [Rubella](#) (MMR)—1 dose  
(2 doses required at [7<sup>th</sup> grade](#))
- [Varicella](#) (chickenpox)  
(Admission at ages 7-12 years need 1 dose; ages 13-17 years need 2 doses)
- [Tetanus](#), [Diphtheria](#), and [Pertussis](#) (Tdap) —1 dose at [7<sup>th</sup> grade](#) or out-of-state transfer admission at 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades  
(1 dose on or after the 7th birthday)

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to [7<sup>th</sup> grade](#) before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.



**2. In 2016, what are the changes to the immunization requirements for children entering child care or school?**

Starting January 1, 2016:

- Parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently-required vaccine.
- Students will no longer be required to have immunizations for entry if they attend:
  - A home-based private school or
  - An independent study program with no classroom-based instruction.

However, parents or guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools, and schools must continue to maintain and report records of immunizations that have been received for these students.

- The immunization requirements do not prohibit pupils from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs.

**3. When does the law take effect?**

January 1, 2016.

**4. Where can I review the new law?**

The language of Senate Bill 277 (Pan, 2015) is available at:

[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB277](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB277)

**5. Which facilities are affected by the new law in 2016 and future years?**

Whether public or private, all California schools and child-care facilities, including child-care centers, day nurseries, nursery schools, family day care homes, and development centers, are subject to new and existing laws in California.

**6. In the new law on immunization requirements, are religious beliefs distinguished from other personal beliefs?**

No distinction is made between exemptions based on religious beliefs and other personal beliefs. Starting in 2016, exemptions for religious or other personal beliefs will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into school or child care in California.

**7. Will personal beliefs exemptions filed during or after 2016 be valid?**

No. Starting in 2016, personal beliefs exemptions will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into school or child care in California.



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**8. Will personal beliefs exemptions, including those based on religious beliefs, filed in California before 2016 remain valid in later years?**

Personal beliefs exemptions (PBEs) filed at a school or child-care facility before January 1, 2016 will remain valid until the student enrolls in the next grade span, typically at kindergarten (or transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

A PBE filed before 2016 at:

- A child-care facility will remain valid until the child first enters the span between transitional kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Entry to any grade from transitional kindergarten/kindergarten through 6th grade will remain valid until the child completes 6th grade.
- Entry to any grade from 7th through 12th will remain valid through 12th grade.

PBEs filed in 2015 are only valid when signed by both an authorized health care provider and a parent/guardian no more than 6 months prior to first entry into a new school or child care or a new grade span. Therefore, PBEs filed in 2015 are **invalid** for children first entering child care or school in California in the fall of 2016.

**9. Is a personal beliefs exemption still valid if a child transfers between child care facilities in California after 2015?**

Yes, a personal beliefs exemption filed with a child-care facility before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (transitional kindergarten through 6th grade). Personal beliefs exemptions may be transferred between child-care facilities in California.

However, if the personal beliefs exemption documentation is no longer available, children must meet immunization requirements (see question #1) to attend the new child care facility.

**10. Is a personal beliefs exemption still valid if a student transfers between schools in California after 2015?**

Yes, a personal beliefs exemption filed with a school before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (7th through 12th grade). Personal beliefs exemptions may be transferred between schools in California, both within and across school districts.

However, if the personal beliefs exemption documentation is no longer available, students must meet immunization requirements (see question #1) or be enrolled in an independent study program with no classroom-based instruction or in a home-based private school (see question #2).



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- 11. Is a personal beliefs exemption from another state or country valid if a student transfers to a California school?**

No.

- 12. What will happen in future years when children with a prior personal belief exemption enter their next grade span in primary or secondary school (typically kindergarten or 7th grade)?**

Children with a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 who enter a new grade span will have to meet all age-appropriate immunization requirements for admission into primary or secondary school (K-12th grade) or be enrolled in an independent study program with no classroom-based instruction or in a home-based private school (see question #3).

In addition, all immunization requirements for age and grade will need to be met before entering 7th grade.

Therefore, in order to begin 7th grade, children who had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between kindergarten and 6th grade need to meet all requirements for children 7-17 years old listed at [www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/](http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/) (e.g., polio, MMR, chickenpox and primary series for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), including the 7th grade requirements for Tdap and 2 doses of MMR.

- 13. What are the requirements for students entering transitional kindergarten?**

Students entering transitional kindergarten must meet the same immunization requirements as students entering kindergarten.

A student who has met the immunization requirements for transitional kindergarten typically has met the requirements for the following year of kindergarten.

- 14. My child was admitted to transitional kindergarten in 2015 with a valid personal beliefs exemption to one of the required vaccines. How long may her exemption remain valid?**

A personal belief exemption filed in 2015 at entry into transitional kindergarten may remain valid until the completion of 6th grade.

- 15. What if additional vaccines become required for child care or school?**

Personal beliefs exemptions will be allowed for any new immunization requirement initiated by the California Department of Public Health.



## **Medical Exemptions**

**16. What's required for a medical exemption to a required immunization?**

At this time there is no medical exemption form. A parent or guardian must submit a written statement from a licensed physician (MD or DO) which states:

- That the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) are not considered safe for that child.
- Which vaccines are being exempted.
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary.
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary.

**17. May other practitioners, besides licensed physicians (MDs and DOs), provide a medical exemption to a required immunization?**

No. Only a licensed Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) may provide a medical exemption.

In contrast, the other categories of licensed or credentialed practitioners in California previously authorized through 2015 to sign requests for personal beliefs exemptions (e.g., Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Naturopathic Doctor, or School Nurse) may not provide medical exemptions.

**18. Is there a standardized form for medical exemptions?**

No, but the documentation must include the elements described in question 16.

**19. Are licensed physicians required to assist in requests for medical exemptions?**

A licensed physician may provide a medical exemption but is not required to do so. Parents or guardians seeking medical exemptions should check with physicians in advance to clarify their policies on medical exemptions.

## **Conditional Admission**

**20. What is conditional admission?**

Children behind on their required immunizations may be admitted conditionally, if they are not currently due for any doses or have a temporary medical exemption. See <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/conditional-admission/> for further information.





## **Students without Classroom-Based Instruction**

- 21. What are the requirements for students entering a home-based private school or independent study program without classroom-based instruction?**

Students entering:

- A home-based private school or
- Independent study programs without classroom-based instruction are subject to immunization requirements for entry during 2015 but not in 2016 or future years. Parents or guardians must provide records to the schools of any required immunizations received by these students.

- 22. Will schools still need to record immunization information and report on the immunization status of all students, including students who are exempt from entry requirements in 2016 and future years?**

Yes, schools will still need to:

- Record immunizations for all students at entry.
- Report on the immunization status of all students at the checkpoints of child care, kindergarten, and 7th grade.

## **Other Topics**

- 23. Are students who are homeless or in foster care subject to the immunization requirements?**

Yes. However, a student who is homeless or in foster care, when transferring into a new school, may be admitted immediately if the student arrives without immunization records. Schools should utilize their resources to make sure these students have received all required immunizations as soon as possible.