



ILAN RAMON DAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We wanted to provide you with some guidance regarding the current immunization requirements, and the upcoming changes to the California State Law going into effect this summer. Attached you will find the California Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten and the Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry. These publications outline the new immunization requirements for students admitted to a school in California on or after July 1, 2019.

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions from Kindergarten through 12th grade, including those who transition to Middle School. Upon initial enrollment at Ilan Ramon Day School, and for entrance in Kindergarten, (including for those students who have attended IRDS for preschool), all students are required by California State Law to provide a record of immunizations. Guidelines for required immunizations by grade can be found at <http://www.shotsforschool.org>. Parents are required to provide a complete list of immunizations each child has had to the school office. Immunizations may be on a yellow state immunization card, form CDPH 701, or other official immunization records.

Although the State of California no longer allows exemptions for personal or religious beliefs, students who had a Personal Belief Exemption (form CDPH 8262) filed with the School prior to January 1, 2016 were grandfathered in under this exemption until they are promoted to another grade span. Currently defined grade spans are Early Childhood, Kindergarten through 6th grade, and 7th grade through 12th grade. For example, a student in 4th grade with a personal belief exemption filed prior to January 1, 2016, can be allowed to attend school until they matriculate to middle school. At that point, the child would need to resume an immunization schedule to continue in school.

A licensed physician (MD or DO) who feels a vaccine is not indicated for a student because of medical reasons **MUST** submit to the School a written statement documenting the medical exemption, with a dated letter that **MUST INCLUDE**, a) which immunization(s) the child is exempt from, b) the duration of the exemption, and 3) the **specific medical condition** that precludes the child from receiving immunization(s). Temporary immunization exemptions **MUST** be renewed on an annual basis. Once completed and evaluated to ensure the letter meets state standards, the School will place a copy of the completed statement in the student's file. This will fulfill the requirement for any immunization documented by the physician.

Immunization requirements have changed for the upcoming school year. Beginning July 1, 2019, all new students admitted at the Kindergarten level, or transfer students who attended any other school in grades 1-12, are required to have 2 doses of Varicella – an increase of 1 dose over the previous guidelines. Children starting in 7th grade will need to show evidence of an additional Tdap as well as a second dose of Varicella.

Students who are in the process of bringing their immunizations up to date can be admitted conditionally. Children must have at least one dose of each required immunization. A schedule will be created for the child to complete the remaining immunizations. As long as this schedule is met, and evidence of immunization provided, the child may remain in school. Failure to complete the scheduled immunizations may result in exclusion from school. Children who are exempted from any immunization, whether by medical or personal belief, may be excluded from school for up to 21 days if they are exposed to an outbreak of a communicable disease for which they are not immunized. If you have any questions, please be sure to let us know.

Thank you,

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CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN



(any private or public child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center)

Doses required by age when admitted and at each age checkpoint after entry¹:

AGE WHEN ADMITTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{2,3}			
2 through 3 months	1 Polio	1 DTaP	1 Hep B	1 Hib
4 through 5 months	2 Polio	2 DTaP	2 Hep B	2 Hib
6 through 14 months	2 Polio	3 DTaP	2 Hep B	2 Hib
15 through 17 months	3 Polio	3 DTaP	2 Hep B	1 Varicella
	On or after the 1st birthday:			1 Hib ⁴ 1 MMR
18 months through 5 years	3 Polio	4 DTaP	3 Hep B	1 Varicella
	On or after the 1st birthday:			1 Hib ⁴ 1 MMR

1. A pupil's parent or guardian must provide documentation of a pupil's proof of immunization to the governing authority no more than 30 days after a pupil becomes subject to any additional requirement(s) based on age, as indicated in the table above (Table A).
2. Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.
3. Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
4. One Hib dose must be given on or after the first birthday regardless of previous doses. Required only for children who have not reached the age of five years.

DTaP = [diphtheria toxoid](#), [tetanus toxoid](#), and acellular [pertussis](#) vaccine
Hib = [Haemophilus influenzae, type B](#) vaccine
Hep B = [hepatitis B](#) vaccine
MMR = [measles](#), [mumps](#), and [rubella](#) vaccine
Varicella = [chickenpox](#) vaccine

INSTRUCTIONS:

California pre-kindergarten (child care or preschool) facilities are required to check immunizations for all new admissions and at each age checkpoint.

UNCONDITIONALLY ADMIT a pupil age 18 months or older whose parent or guardian has provided documentation of any of the following for each immunization required for the pupil's age as defined in table above:

- Receipt of immunization.
- A permanent medical exemption in accordance with 17 CCR section 6051.
- A personal beliefs exemption (filed prior to 2016) in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 120335.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION SCHEDULE FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN

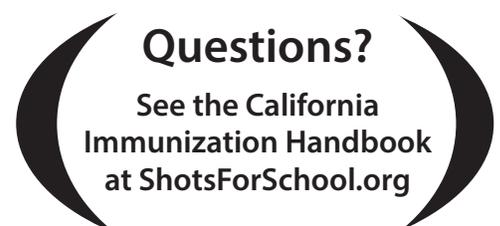
Before admission a child must obtain the first dose of each required vaccine and any subsequent doses that are due because the period of time allowed before exclusion has elapsed.

DOSE	EARLIEST DOSE MAY BE GIVEN	EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY
Polio #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3	4 weeks after 2nd dose	12 months after 2nd dose
DTaP #2, #3	4 weeks after previous dose	8 weeks after previous dose
DTaP #4	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
Hib #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Hep B #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Hep B #3	8 weeks after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	12 months after 2nd dose

CONDITIONALLY ADMIT any pupil who lacks documentation for unconditional admission if the pupil:

- has commenced receiving doses of all the vaccines required for the pupil's age (table on page 1) and is not currently due for any doses at the time of admission (as determined by intervals listed in Conditional Admission Schedule, column entitled "EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY"), or
- is younger than 18 months and has received all the immunizations required for the pupil's age (table on page 1) but will require additional vaccine doses at an older age (i.e., at next age checkpoint), or
- has a temporary medical exemption from some or all required immunizations (17 CCR section 6050).

Continued attendance after conditional admission is contingent upon documentation of receipt of the remaining required immunizations. The pre-kindergarten facility shall notify the pupil's parent or guardian of the date by which the pupil must complete all remaining doses.





GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{1, 2, 3}				
K-12 Admission	4 Polio⁴	5 DTaP⁵	3 Hep B⁶	2 MMR⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th)⁸	1 Tdap				
7th Grade Advancement^{9,10}	1 Tdap⁸			2 Varicella¹⁰	

- Requirements for K-12 admission also apply to transfer pupils.
- Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.
- Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
- Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- Four doses of DTaP meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the 7th birthday. One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement.
- For seventh grade admission, refer to Health and Safety Code section 120335, subdivision (c).
- Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Only doses administered on or after the first birthday meet the requirement.
- For 7th-12th graders, at least one dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after the seventh birthday.
- For children in ungraded schools, pupils 12 years and older are subject to the seventh grade advancement requirements.
- The varicella requirement for seventh grade advancement expires after June 30, 2025.

DTaP/Tdap = diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid, and acellular pertussis vaccine

Hep B = hepatitis B vaccine

MMR = measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine

Varicella = chickenpox vaccine

INSTRUCTIONS:

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK /Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry.

UNCONDITIONALLY ADMIT a pupil whose parent or guardian has provided documentation of any of the following for each immunization required for the pupil's age or grade as defined in table above:

- Receipt of immunization.
- A permanent medical exemption in accordance with 17 CCR section 6051.
- A personal beliefs exemption (filed prior to 2016) in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 120335.

CONDITIONALLY ADMIT any pupil who lacks documentation for unconditional admission if the pupil has:

- Commenced receiving doses of all the vaccines required for the pupil's grade (table above) and is not currently due for any doses at the time of admission (as determined by intervals listed in Conditional Admission Schedule, column entitled "EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY"), or
- A temporary medical exemption from some or all required immunizations (17 CCR section 6050).

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION SCHEDULE FOR GRADES K-12

Before admission a child must obtain the first dose of each required vaccine and any subsequent doses that are due because the period of time allowed before exclusion has elapsed.

DOSE	EARLIEST DOSE MAY BE GIVEN	EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY
Polio #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3	4 weeks after 2nd dose	12 months after 2nd dose
Polio #4¹	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
DTaP #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
DTaP #3²	4 weeks after 2nd dose	8 weeks after 2nd dose
DTaP #4	6 months after 3rd dose	12 months after 3rd dose
DTaP #5	6 months after 4th dose	12 months after 4th dose
Hep B #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose
Hep B #3	8 weeks after 2nd dose	12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose
MMR #2	4 weeks after 1st dose	4 months after 1st dose
Varicella #2	Age less than 13 years: 3 months after 1st dose	4 months after 1st dose
	Age 13 years and older: 4 weeks after 1st dose	8 weeks after 1st dose

1. Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
2. If DTaP #3 is the final required dose, DTaP #3 should be given at least six months after DTaP #2, and pupils should be excluded if not given by 12 months after second dose. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the seventh birthday. One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement.

Continued attendance after conditional admission is contingent upon documentation of receipt of the remaining required immunizations. The school shall:

- review records of any pupil admitted conditionally to a school at least every 30 days from the date of admission,
- inform the parent or guardian of the remaining required vaccine doses until all required immunizations are received or an exemption is filed, and
- update the immunization information in the pupil's record.

For a pupil **transferring** from another school in the United States whose immunization record has not been received by the new school at the time of admission, the school may admit the child for up to 30 school days. If the immunization record has not been received at the end of this period, the school shall exclude the pupil until the parent or guardian provides documentation of compliance with the requirements.

