

GUIDE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW FOR Child Care Providers

REFERENCE Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120380 (formerly Sections 3380-3390); California Administrative Code, Title 17, Sections 6000-6075

INSTRUCTIONS A new varicella (chickenpox) immunization requirement goes into effect 7/1/01. It applies to all children enrolled in child care as well as to new entrants. Parents must present their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization. Copy the full date (day/month/year) of each shot* onto the blue California School Immunization Record card and then determine if the child is up-to-date. Blue cards are available free from the Immunization Coordinator at your local health department. As the child care provider, it is your responsibility to follow up regularly until all shots are finished.

IMMUNIZATIONS (SHOTS) REQUIRED TO ATTEND CHILD CARE, BY AGE	Age When Enrolling	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 DTaP 2 each of Polio, Hib, Hep B
	15-17 months.....	3 each of Polio, DTaP 2 Hep B 1 MMR, on or after the first birthday At least 1 Hib given on or after the first birthday, regardless of any doses given before the first birthday
	18 months-4 years.....	3 Polio 4 DTaP 3 Hep B 1 MMR, on or after the first birthday At least 1 Hib given on or after the first birthday, regardless of any doses given before the first birthday 1 Varicella (chickenpox)*



DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis combined vaccine. Record may show DT, or DTP.
 Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type B vaccine; required only for children up to age 4 years, 6 months.
 MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella combined vaccine.
 Hep B: Hepatitis B.
 Varicella: Chickenpox vaccine.

You may admit a child who is lacking one or more required vaccine doses but is not currently due for a dose **on the condition** that they receive the remaining doses when due, according to the schedule above. You will need to review records to make sure this occurs. If the maximum time interval between doses has passed, the child cannot be admitted until the next immunization is obtained.

* Effective 7/1/01. If a child had chickenpox disease and this is indicated on the Immunization Record by the child's physician, they meet the requirement. Write "disease" in the chickenpox date box on the blue card.

WHEN NEXT SHOTS ARE DUE	
Polio #2	6-10 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3	6 weeks-12 months after 2nd dose
DTP or DTaP #2, #3	4-8 weeks after previous dose
Hib #2	2-3 months after 1st dose
DTP or DTaP #4	6-12 months after 3rd dose
Hep B #2	1-2 months after 1st dose
Hep B #3	Under age 18 months: 2-12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose Age 18 months and older: 2-6 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose

EXEMPTIONS The law allows (a) parents/guardians to choose exemptions from immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs, and (b) physicians of children to choose medical exemptions from them. The law does not allow parents/guardians to choose an exemption simply because the "shot" record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to get to a physician or clinic to correct the problem. The back of the blue California School Immunization Record has instructions and an affidavit to be signed by parents who want a personal beliefs exemption. An up-to-date list of children with exemptions should be maintained separately by the child care staff, so these children can be quickly identified and excluded from attendance if an outbreak occurs.