



For school year 2020-2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Guardians,

There have been recent changes to school entry immunization requirements that went into effect July 1, 2019. We are sharing these changes with you so that you may work with your child’s healthcare provider to make sure your child is vaccinated (California Code of Regulations Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4.) There has been the addition of a second Varicella vaccine requirement for entry into elementary school at transitional kindergarten (TK)/Kindergarten (K) and/or seventh grade, administered by a licensed California Healthcare Practitioner.

Grade	Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization				
TK/K – 12 th Admission	Polio	DTap	Hep B	MMR	Varicella
TK/K -12 th Admission	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4 th birthday)	5 doses (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4 th birthday. 3 doses Ok if one was given on or after 7 th birthday)	3 Hep B Not required for 7 th grade entry.	2 doses (Both given on or after 1 st birthday)	2 doses
7 th grade entry		1 Tdap booster	Not required for 7 th grade entry.		Verify 2 nd Varicella

California schools are required by law to check the immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade **before** entry. If a child is advancing to 7th grade in the fall of 2020 or later, the child must meet the 7th grade requirements in effect at the time of entering into 7th grade (see above).

For medical exemptions please refer to the link www.shotsforschool.org for specific requirements.

If a child has an expiring personal belief exemption prior to attending school on or after July 1st, 2019, the child will need to meet all current immunization requirements. Your child may receive the necessary vaccines from his/her primary care practitioner. ***It is important to get your child vaccinated early so there will be no issue with school entry. Your child will not be admitted if the above requirements are not met.***

Please make sure you bring your child’s vaccine record to the school so it may be on file. Should you have questions, please contact your child’s health care provider or Orange County Public Health at (800) 564-8448 or contact your school nurse.