

Under the most recent state immunization law known as SB 277, Personal beliefs and Religious beliefs exemptions are no longer an option for vaccines that are required for entry into child care or school in California. (California School Immunization Law, Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375).

Regarding vaccine exemptions under the new law, the following is stipulated: Personal beliefs exemptions or Religious beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint. Proof of immunization will be required prior to registration for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Medical exemptions submitted as a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) will be accepted if it includes: the physical condition or medical circumstance of the child which supports the decision for exemption, whether it is permanent or temporary, and an expiration date if the exemption is temporary.

A child who has an individualized education program (IEP), as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, will be allowed to obtain special education services regardless of whether the child is vaccinated or not.