



HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

Notice to Parents and Guardians of Students with a Personal Beliefs Exemption

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Under California law, vaccines required for school may no longer be excused due to personal beliefs, including religious beliefs. Personal beliefs exemptions that have already been filed for students in grades K (including transitional kindergarten) through 6th grade remain valid until the student reaches 7th grade.

Our records show that your child has a personal beliefs exemption from one or more school-required vaccines. **In order for your child to start 7th grade, you will need to bring to documentation to the school office before the first day of school, showing that your child has received the following vaccines:**

- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR)*
- 3 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine (DTaP), including 1 dose of Tdap at 7 years of age or older[†]
- 4 doses of polio vaccine (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)

These vaccines needed for school entry are also doctor-recommended vaccines (and your doctor may also recommend additional vaccines besides those required for school).

Please contact your child's doctor right away about these vaccines required for school. Students entering 7th grade who do not meet the immunization requirements will not be able to attend school.

Please feel free to call the school Health Office if you have any questions, or contact the District Nurse, Kathi Homer, RN at khomer@hbcsd.us.

Thank you for helping us keep your child, our school, and our community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Kathi Homer, RN BSN PHN
Credentialed School Nurse

* Both doses given on or after 1st birthday. Only one dose of rubella but two doses of measles and mumps vaccines are required if given separately.
† These doses may include Td; however at least one dose must be Tdap, DTaP, or DTP given on or after 7th birthday.