

Parents/Guardians – Are Your Kids Ready for School?

**REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY**



Please bring your child’s immunization records with you at the time of registration. You may view and print a digital copy of your child’s California vaccine record at: [MyVaccineRecord.CDPH.CA.gov](https://MyVaccineRecord.CDPH.CA.gov)

**Students Entering Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten Need Records of:**

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap or Td) — 5 doses**  
4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday; 3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.
- Polio (IPV or OPV) — 4 doses**  
3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. Oral polio vaccine (OPV) doses given on or after April 1, 2016, do not count.
- Hepatitis B — 3 doses**
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — 2 doses**  
Both doses must be given on or after 1st birthday.
- Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses**

**New and Transfer Students Entering TK/K-12th Grade Need Records of:**

- All immunizations listed above**  
For 7th-12th graders: at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday. Hepatitis B vaccine is required for any grade, except for entry into 7th grade.

**Students Starting 7th Grade Need Records of:**

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) — 1 dose**
- Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses**

**What other immunizations should I ask my health care provider about?**

When you visit your health care provider for back-to-school immunizations, make sure to also ask about other vaccines that help keep your child healthy, including **hepatitis A, COVID-19, and the annual flu vaccine.**

Preteens and teens should also get the **human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine** to protect against certain cancers and **meningococcal vaccines.**

Learn more about [vaccines your child needs according to their age](https://bit.ly/CDCVaccinesByAge) (bit.ly/CDCVaccinesByAge) and [where you can get your child immunized](https://bit.ly/Where2BVaxed) (bit.ly/Where2BVaxed).

Parents' Guide to Immunizations

**Required for Pre-Kindergarten (Child Care)**



Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunizations (shots) before starting pre-kindergarten (child care) and at each age checkpoint after entry:

Age at Entry/checkpoint	Required Doses
2-3 Months	1 Polio 1 DTaP 1 Hep B 1 Hib
4-5 Months	2 Polio 2 DTaP 2 Hep B 2 Hib
6-14 Months	2 Polio 3 DTaP 2 Hep B 2 Hib
15-17 Months	3 Polio 3 DTaP 2 Hep B 1 Hib* (on or after 1st birthday) 1 Varicella 1 MMR (on or after 1st birthday)
18 Months-5 Years	3 Polio 4 DTaP 3 Hep B 1 Hib* (on or after 1st birthday) 1 Varicella 1 MMR (on or after 1st birthday)

\* One Hib dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday regardless of previous doses. Required only for children younger than 5 years old.

Polio = inactivated [polio](#) vaccine (IPV)  
(oral polio vaccine [OPV] does not count)  
DTaP = [diphtheria toxoid](#), [tetanus toxoid](#),  
and acellular [pertussis](#) vaccine

Hep B = [hepatitis B](#) vaccine  
Varicella = [chickenpox](#) vaccine  
Hib = [Haemophilus influenzae, type B](#) vaccine  
MMR = [measles](#), [mumps](#), and [rubella](#) vaccine