

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW

EXEMPTIONS INFORMATION SHEET

Here is information about exemptions from the immunizations required by the California School Immunization Law. The Law allows these exemptions.

- *1. PERMANENT MEDICAL EXEMPTION:** If your child has a medical condition which permanently rules out one or more vaccines, your child can be exempted from that immunization(s) requirement. A written statement from a physician must be presented at registration. It must state that there is a medical condition which permanently rules out immunization(s), and which immunization(s) your child cannot receive. It must be signed by the physician.
- *2. TEMPORARY MEDICAL EXEMPTION:** If your child has a temporary medical condition which rules out one or more immunizations, or your physician wishes to delay an immunization, your child can be temporarily exempted from the requirement. A written statement from the physician must be presented at registration. This statement must indicate that there is a medical condition which rules out immunization(s) temporarily, how long it will last, and which immunization(s) must be postponed. It must be signed by the physician.
- 3. MEASLES DISEASE EXEMPTION:** If a physician provides a written statement that your child has had measles disease, your child can be exempted from the measles requirement. The signed statement must be presented at registration.
- 4. RUBELLA DISEASE EXEMPTION:** If a physician provides a written statement that your child has had **laboratory-confirmed** rubella disease, your child can be exempted from the rubella requirement. The signed statement must be presented at registration.
- 5. MUMPS DISEASE EXEMPTION:** If a physician provides a written statement that your child has had **laboratory-confirmed** mumps disease, your child can be exempted from the mumps requirement. The signed statement must be presented at registration.
- 6. VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX) EXEMPTION:** If a physician has documented that your child has had chickenpox disease, your child can be exempted from the varicella requirement. The immunization record showing physician documentation must be presented at registration.
- *7. PERSONAL BELIEFS EXEMPTION:** If immunization is against your religious or personal beliefs, you will be asked to sign an affidavit at the time of registration. Your child will then be exempt from the immunization requirements.

*NOTE: If your child is exempt because of 1, 2, or 7 above, and there is a disease outbreak, the school may be ordered by the Health Department to temporarily exclude your child for his/her protection.

The California Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380 establishes the immunizations required and exemptions. Regulations to implement the law are contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, 6000-6075.