

# IMMUNIZATION BRANCH

## Shots Required for TK-12 and 7th Grade



En Español

### Students Admitted at TK/K-12 Need:

- **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.)  
For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.
- **Polio (OPV or IPV) — 4 doses**  
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- **Hepatitis B — 3 doses**  
(not required for 7th grade entry)
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — 2 doses**  
(Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses**

### Students Starting 7th Grade Need:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) — 1 dose**  
(Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) — 2 doses**  
(Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

### The TK/K-12 school requirements also typically apply to 7th grade students who:

- Previously had a valid personal beliefs exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/Kindergarten and 6th grade, or
- Are new admissions, including from out-of-state; applies to all grades.

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at transitional kindergarten (TK)/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.

## **Resources**

- [Parent Resources and Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [How Well-Vaccinated Is Your School's Kindergarten?](#)
- [How Well-Vaccinated Is Your School's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade?](#)

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