

Immunizations are an important part of preventive health care for all ages. They help develop immunity against potentially deadly or disabling diseases and also reduce the risk of spreading those diseases to others.

The following immunizations are required prior to school entry.

Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Varicella (Chicken Pox) and Hepatitis B (HBV).

### **Medical Exemption**

Your health care provider may request an exemption because of a medical condition. A medical exemption can be permanent (for example: allergy, immune problem) or temporary (for example: cancer/chemotherapy, alternate vaccine schedule). A temporary exemption requires a statement from the physician detailing when the vaccines will be administered.

### **Personal or Religious Belief Exemption**

Starting January 1, 2016, a personal or religious belief exemption cannot be accepted for students entering a California Public School for the first time.

A personal or religious belief exemption for Kindergarten students who entered in Fall 2015 through currently enrolled 6th graders will be valid until 7th grade.

**You can find detailed information regarding this new mandate at:** <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/#Q13A>

**Please contact your Credentialed School Nurse if you have questions, concerns or need more information:**

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