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Dear Parents and Guardians:

State law requires **ALL** students, who will be attending seventh grade in the Fall to provide proof of receiving a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, or whooping cough), 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and 2 doses of Varicella (Chickepox, VAR, MMR-V or VZV) immunizations.

As of January 2016, state law prohibits schools from accepting personal belief waivers. California will only allow a medical waiver, either temporary or permanent, for students who have a physical or medical condition that prevents them from getting immunizations. If your child requires an exemption because of a physical or medical circumstance you must present a statement from your doctor stating:

Temporary Exemption

1. The specific nature of the physical condition or medical circumstance for which the licensed physician does not recommend immunization
2. The probable duration of the physical condition or medical circumstance
3. Each specific required immunization from which the child is exempt
4. The date that the medical exemption expires for each respective immunization
5. Temporary medical exemptions shall not exceed twelve calendar months from the date the licensed physician’s written statement

Permanent Exemption

1. The specific nature of the physical condition or medical circumstance for which the licensed physician does not recommend immunization
2. That the physical condition or medical circumstance is permanent
3. Each specific required immunization from which the child is exempt

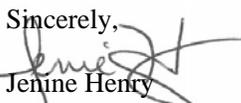
Students with a personal belief waiver dated before January 2016, who enter a new grade span (transitional kindergarten, kindergarten or 7th grade), must also provide proof of being in series for the following immunizations:

EAK/TK/K-12th Elementary or Secondary School	
Polio (OPV or IPV)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4 th birthday)
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	5 doses of DTap, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4 th birthday) (3 doses ok if last dose was given on or after 7 th birthday. At least one dose must be Tdap or DTap/DTP given on or after 7 th birthday for all 7 th – 12 th graders)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)	2 doses (Both doses given on or after 1 st birthday)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	3 doses (Not required for 7 th grade entry)
Varicella (Chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V or VZV)	2 doses (History of disease is not sufficient to waive this immunization. A permanent medical exception is required from a Physician)

Students need these immunizations to be safe and healthy, and state law requires they have the shots. **If we do not receive proof showing that your student has had these immunizations, they will not be allowed to start school in August 2020.**

Please take your student’s immunization record to their school so we can verify the immunization requirement has been met. If your student has not been immunized, please contact your health care provider to set up an appointment.

For more information about this requirement contact your assigned District Nurse or visit www.shotsforschool.org.

Sincerely,

 Jenine Henry
 Assistant Superintendent