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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: New Immunization Requirements for 2016

Under a new law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs, including religious beliefs, will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or schools in California. Medical exemptions, temporary or permanent, will be allowed with a letter from a licensed physician stating the medical condition and immunizations omitted. Temporary exemptions must also include a date indicating when the immunizations will resume.

Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

For more information about SB 277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org), contact your [local health department county office of education](#), or contact your assigned site Nurse

Thank you for helping us to keep our children and community healthy.

Sincerely,

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