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To: Child Care Facility Managers
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School Principals and Nurses

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Subject: 2016-2017 Immunization Assessment Reporting

[California Health and Safety Code Section 120375 and California Code of Regulation Section 6075](#)

require all child care facilities and schools to assess and report annually on the immunization status of students. To complete the annual report, staff will need to review students' immunization records to determine each facility's or school's compliance.

Before reporting, please review the detailed reporting instructions at www.ShotsforSchool.org and check that each student has either:

1. A complete and accurate California School Immunization Record (the blue CSIR card) in his or her cumulative file, or
2. A complete and accurate electronic record of his/her required vaccinations stored in a computerized system.

Changes in CA PBE Law

Senate Bill 277 took effect on January 1, 2016 and no longer allows parents or guardians of students to submit a personal beliefs exemption (PBE) in child care facilities and schools. Except for 2nd year kindergarten students (with a PBE on file from transitional kindergarten) and select child care enrollees **who filed a PBE prior to Jan 1, 2016**, no new PBEs are valid.

In addition, students will no longer be required to have immunizations for entry if they attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, parents or guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools.

Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) should continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.



Most facilities and schools will not be affected by the new law because a majority of children have received all required vaccinations. However, child care facilities and schools must continue to maintain and report records of immunizations of all students. This year reporting will capture all students who are missing vaccines for any reason, including reasons allowed by Senate Bill 277.

Annual School Audit of Immunization Compliance - 2nd year

The 2016-2017 school year financial and compliance audits of public schools by local educational agencies will continue to include an immunization component for kindergarten and 7th grades that:

1. Do not submit immunization assessment reports in the fall of 2016 or
2. Have conditional admission rates above 25% reported in the fall of 2016. CDPH found that most students who were identified as “conditional entrants” were improperly classified. These students were overdue for their immunizations and should have been excluded from school until they received the shots that were due *at the time of school entry.*

Schools found to have improperly admitted students that do not meet immunization requirements may be subject to forfeiture of ADA payments for those children. For more information, see <http://eaap.ca.gov>.

Quick Guide to the Annual Immunization Assessment Process

Report for each grade at:			
Online School Reporting Web Address:	www.ShotsForSchool.org/reporting		
Instructions, FAQs, Worksheets:	Child Care/Preschool	Kindergarten	7th Grade
Login Password:	<i>shotsforschool</i>		
Due Dates:	10/1/2016	10/15/2016	11/1/2016

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect California’s school children from life-threatening diseases.

cc: Immunization Branch Field Representatives
Local Health Department Immunization Coordinators