

Conditional Admissions: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is conditional admission?

In limited circumstances, some children who have not received one or more required immunizations may attend kindergarten while they catch up on these immunizations. Children are considered conditional entrants if they:

- Are behind schedule, have received at least 1 dose in a series and the deadline for the next dose has not passed (see [Table 2: Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule](#) of the [California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4](#)).
- Have a temporary medical exemption.

2. What are examples of children who may attend kindergarten under conditional admission?

- **Children who have received some but not all required doses in an immunization series and are NOT CURRENTLY DUE** for any doses at the time of admission. For example, a child who received a first dose of DTaP the day before starting school is not yet due for a second dose before admission. Schools and child care facilities should review [Table 2](#).
- **Children admitted with a temporary medical exemption** to one or more immunization(s) as documented by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) prior to admission. These children should receive all vaccines except those listed in the exemption. The physician documentation must include the date when the exemption expires.

If a child has NOT received all immunization doses which are currently due, the child should NOT be admitted until all doses currently due are received. [Table 2](#) shows the intervals when doses are due. If a child has not received any dose of a required vaccine, a first dose MUST be received prior to admission.

3. What if conditionally admitted children are exposed to diseases to which they have not been fully immunized?

Any child who is not completely immunized against a particular communicable disease may be subject to exclusion if exposed to the disease or during an outbreak of the disease as determined by the local health department.

4. How often do I review the immunization records of students who are conditionally admitted?

[California Code of Regulations \(CCR\), Section 6070 \(f\)](#) states that “the governing authority shall see that the immunization record of each pupil admitted conditionally is reviewed **every 30 days** until that pupil has received all the required immunizations. Any immunizations received subsequent to conditional admission shall be entered in the pupil's immunization record.”

5. How do I establish deadlines for the next dose?

When you admit a child conditionally, the parent must be advised of the time interval and encouraged to have their child receive the next dose at the beginning of the time interval. Here is an example based on the intervals shown in [Table 2](#):

- A student needs the 3rd dose in the hepatitis B series. The child received the 1st dose on 7/1/2015 and the 2nd dose on 8/1/2015.
 - The table shows the time interval after the 2nd dose is 2-6 months with a minimum interval of 4 months after the 1st dose. This means the 3rd dose can be given as soon as two months after the 2nd dose, or 10/1/2015 in this example. However, the maximum time allowed is six months, or 2/1/2016.
 - Use the six-month maximum time interval after the 2nd dose (specific to each vaccine and dose) as your deadline. Advise parents that their child will be excluded the day after the deadline date, 2/2/2016 in this example, unless they provide documentation that the 3rd dose was received.