

Sample Letter from School: Notice to Parents and Guardians about Vaccine Exemptions

[School Letterhead]

[Date]

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 will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. 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, or contact your [local health department](#) or [county office of education](#).

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

Sincerely,

[School Principal]

[School Nurse]