

Immunization Law Update:

On June 30, 2015, Governor Brown signed a new immunization Bill, Senate Bill (SB) 277. This law will take effect on July 1, 2016 and requires that all children in California be fully immunized to attend public or private school. Fully immunized would include the 10 required vaccinations currently required by the state.

Orange Unified School District is required to implement the new law starting in 2016. SB277 will:

- No longer permit immunization exceptions based on personal beliefs for children in child care and public and private schools.
- Permit personal belief exemptions submitted by December 31, 2015, to remain valid until a student reaches kindergarten/transitional kindergarten or 7th grade;
 - Health Care Practitioner informed Waivers can be turned into your student's school office on or before December 18, 2015; the start of Winter Break.
 - Health Care Practitioner informed Waivers must be postmarked by December 31, 2015, and can be mailed to your student's school site.
- Remove immunization requirements for:

Students in the below categories will still need to provide immunization records to their schools before entry, and schools will still need to report to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) the immunization status of all students at the existing checkpoints of child care, kindergarten/transitional kindergarten and 7th grade.

- Students in Home-Based private schools
- Students enrolled in an independent study program who do not receive classroom-based instruction
- Access to special education and related services specified in an individualized education program. (Federal law Section 56026 of the Education Code)
- Allows for the enrollment of students who qualify:
 - As foster or homeless youth (Section 48850 of the Education Code et seq.)
 - As conditionally admitted pending full immunization within the time periods designated by regulation of the California Department of Public Health

Additional Resources for Parent and Families:

SB 277 FAQ

Governor's Signing Message

Text of SB 277

Letter from CDPH Immunization Branch on SB277

Shots for Schools, <http://www.shotsforschool.org/>

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