



Dear Preschool Parents,

We are very excited to start the new school year with your child in our preschool program! Thank you for the opportunity that you are giving your child to have the best start to their education. By being involved and supportive in your child's education, you set them up for long term success. A part of being involved in your child's school experience through preschool is volunteering, which is very important to our students and overall program.

As you know, ***the adult from your family who will be volunteering*** (mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent, etc.) must have a **TB test that is negative**, within the past year and a signed **Statement of Good Health** on file. In addition to these requirements, there is a new law (SB 792) that requires additional health immunizations for staff and volunteers in a preschool classroom. These requirements are put in place to keep all children and families healthy and safe – which is our number one priority.

The following three immunizations are required, in addition to the TB test and statement of good health for all parents and family members of our preschool students **who will be volunteering**:

1. Pertussis

There are three ways that you can show us you have been immunized:

- A copy of an immunization record for pertussis
- A statement from your physician that there is a medical reason not to vaccinate you
- A statement from your physician that you are already immune to pertussis

2. Measles

There are four ways that you can show us you have been immunized:

- A copy of an immunization record for measles
- A statement from your physician that there is a medical reason not to vaccinate you
- A statement from your physician that you are already immune to measles
- Proof that you were born before 1957 (according to the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices, "adults born before 1957 are generally considered immune to measles and mumps.")

3. Influenza

You will need to show that you have been vaccinated between August 1 and December 1 of each year.

You may decline to receive the influenza vaccine.

There are four ways that you can show us you have received the influenza vaccine:

- A copy of an immunization record for influenza dated between August 1 and December 1 of each year
- A statement from your physician that there is a medical reason not to vaccinate you

- A statement from your physician that you are already immune to influenza
- A signed statement from you stating that they have declined to be vaccinated against the flu

Volunteers can be vaccinated a variety of ways:

- Contact your primary care physician
- Contact your local health department:
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/pages/californialocalhealthdepartments.aspx>
- Find private providers offering vaccines to the public: <http://www.vaccines.gov/getting/where/>

I have included an information sheet called “Low Cost Community Health Clinics” to assist you in the process of getting the immunizations necessary. Please call the individual providers for more information on their services, as their services or operating hours may change.

For the health and safety of all children in our program, all volunteers must meet these requirements. Please bring all documents to your child’s first day of school. The teachers will be collecting this information from you.

If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance, please call our office at 714-628-5577.

Thank you,

Cheryl Sosa

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