

California School Immunization Law

All students attending site based instructional classes at Cottonwood Creek Charter School are required by California law to be immunized. CCCS must enforce immunization requirements, maintain immunizations records of all students enrolled and submit yearly reports to the State of California. Students that are enrolled in the Homeschool Program Option, where all instruction and school work is completed at home, are encouraged to be immunized but it is not required. We are providing the following information to clarify some of the questions about your student's immunization requirements. This is a brief documentation of requirements. Please contact the charter school office for more detailed information if you have additional questions regarding immunization for your student.

Students Admitted at Kindergarten – 8th Grade Need:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap or TD):**
 5 doses (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday.)
 (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.)
- **Polio (OPV or IPV)**
 4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- **Hepatitis B (Hep B)**
 3 doses
- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**
 2 doses
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)**
 2 doses
- **Tdap – administered on or after student's 7th birthday; Required BEFORE admission to the 7th grade.**

No Shots? No Records? No School.

Medical Exemptions

Starting January 1, 2021, medical exemptions can only be issued through the **California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption** website **CAIR-ME** by physicians licensed in California. Schools and child care facilities may only accept from parent/guardian new medical exemptions that are issued using **CAIR-ME**.

Medical exemptions filed for a student in attendance at a California child care facility or school before 2021 remains valid until the earliest of:

- When the child enrolls in the next grade span: (TK to K-6th grade) (7th-12 grade).

ATTENTION PARENT/GUARDIAN: If your student has a Permanent Medical Exemption it will be null and void when they move to the next grade span shown above.
Ex: When your student moves from 6th grade to 7th grade you will either have to obtain a new medical exemption or your student will have to begin the **Vaccine Catch-up for School** schedule and be admitted as a Conditional Admission if they remain in the classroom instruction option. The Homeschool Program Option encourages but does not require immunizations.

- Temporary medical exemptions expire on the date specified.
- Revocation of the exemption because the issuing physician has been subject to disciplinary action from the physician's licensing entity.

How to obtain a Medical Exemption for a student

Starting January 1, 2021, all new medical exemptions for school and child care entry must be issued through CAIR-ME. Parents can create an account and log in to CAIR-ME to submit a request for a medical exemption. Next the child's physician completes the medical exemption in CAIR-ME and prints a copy for the parents to give to the child's school or child care facility. The medical exemption may be issued in CAIR-ME no more than 12 months before a child first enters a grade span. (TK to K-6th grades and 7th-12th grades.)

EX: The medical exemption for your incoming kindergarten student must have been generated within the last 12 months from the 1st day of school, not the date you turned in their enrollment form.

If a student enrolls or transfers to a new school within the same grade span, the medical exemptions stays in effect. The parent must log in to CAIR-ME, update the school information and show proof of the change to the new school.

Senate Bill (SB)277, enacted January 1, 2016, removed the Personal Beliefs Exemption and Religious Beliefs Exemption options. Those exemptions filed before January 1, 2016 stay in effect until the student enters the next grade span. It may be transferred between schools within California until the student enters the next grade span.

Immunization Requirements for Students entering 7th grade site based instructional class that have:

- **Prior Personal Beliefs/Religious Beliefs exemptions**
- **Medical Exemptions (medical not being renewed)**
- **Been homeschooled and now entering 7th grade**

Students with one of these exemptions will have to meet all age-appropriate immunization requirements for admission into site based (classroom) instructional classes upon entering 7th grade. Students not wishing to be immunized may be enrolled in an exempted homeschool program option. They will need to provide documentation of having received the following doses of vaccines:

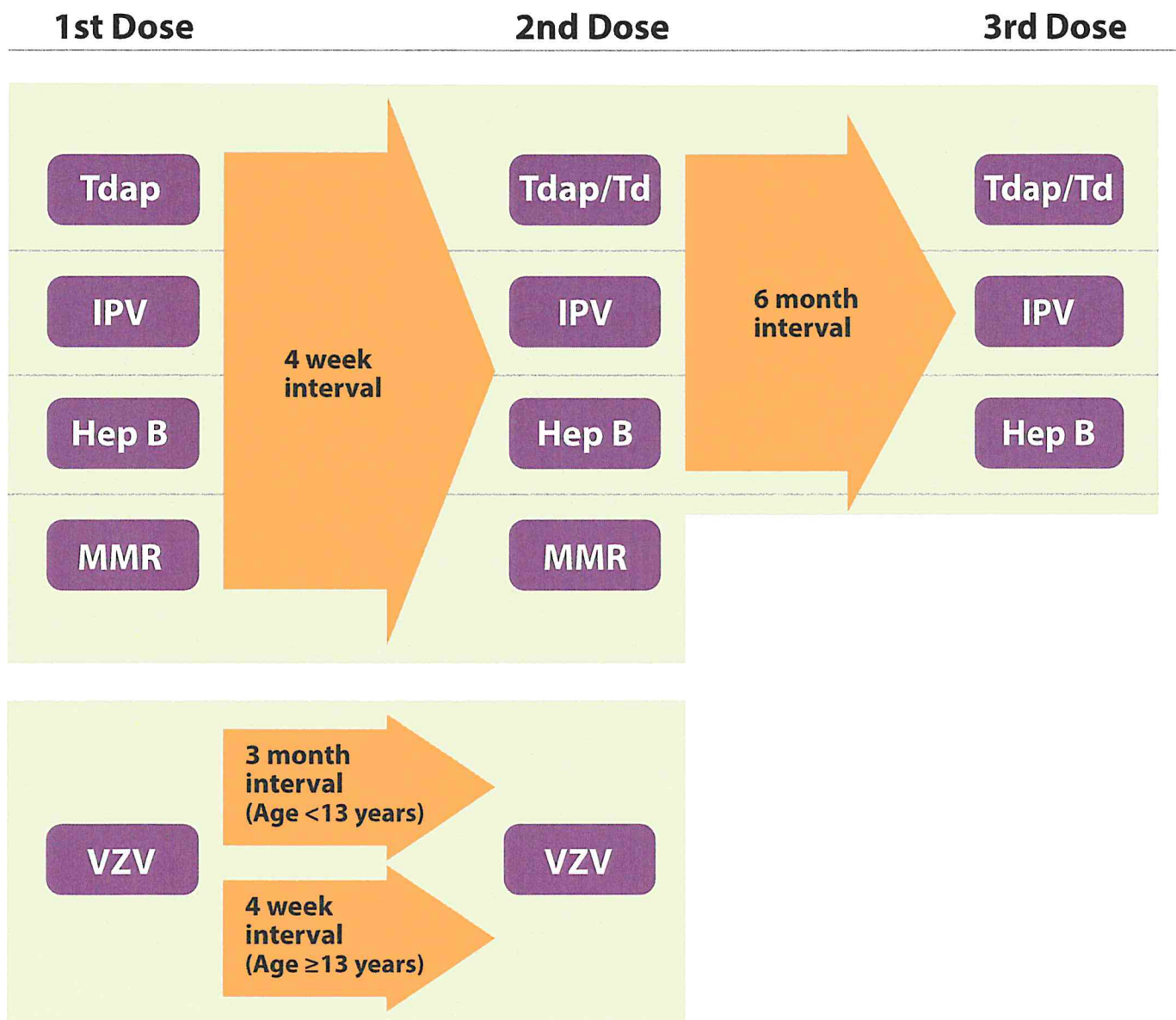
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertusis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap or Td)**
3 doses - one dose of Tdap vaccine given on or after the 7th birthday will meet the 7th grade requirement and count as one of the 3 required doses.
- **Polio (OPV or IPV)**
4 doses (3 doses OK if 1 dose was given on or after 4th birthday)
- **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**
2 doses
- **Varicella (chickenpox)**
2 doses

No Hepatitis B (Hep B) is required for this group of students but may be recommended by your student's health care provider.

These students may be admitted to site based (classroom) instruction after the 1st doses have been administered to the student and the student maintains the state mandated **Vaccine Catch-up** requirements. This is called a **Conditional Admission**. Students will be exited from Cottonwood Creek Charter School if they fail to fulfill the requirements of the Conditional Admission. Please see the attached **Vaccine Catch-up for School** page.

Vaccine Catch-up for School

For Age 7+ Years & No Record of Immunizations



This suggested schedule fulfills national recommendations for these vaccines and California school requirements. **For further details, see www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs**

Different intervals may also meet school requirements.. See the conditional admission schedule at **eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-1080.pdf**

