

Under a new law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs, including religious beliefs, will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. 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.)

### **Immunizations:**

To attend SAMS you will need to provide your child's Immunization Record (or a completed physician's form) showing the dates for each required vaccine (see graph). If you do not have an Immunization Record (or physician's form), or your child has not received all required vaccines, call your doctor for an appointment. For those with a Personal Belief Exemption see below.

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Conditional</b>	
Polio (OPV or IPV)	3 doses	1 dose before admission	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses see attached
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	4 doses	1 dose before admission	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> doses see attached
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	1 dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose before admission	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose see attached
Hib	1 dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months.)	1 dose before admission	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose see attached
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	3 doses	1 dose before admission	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> doses see attached
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)	1 dose	1 dose before admission	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose see attached

### **Personal Belief Exemption:**

A Personal Belief Exemption filed with a child-care facility before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (transitional kindergarten through 6th grade). Personal Belief Exemptions may be transferred between child-care facilities in California.

However, if the Personal Belief Exemption documentation is no longer available, children must meet immunization requirements to attend the new child-care facility.

### **Medical Exemptions:**

If a licensed physician determines a vaccine should not be given to your child because of medical reasons, submit a written statement from the physician for a **medical exemption** for the missing vaccine(s), including the duration of the medical exemption. This statement will need the following:

1. State that the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated
2. Which vaccine(s) are being exempted
3. Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
4. The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary
5. The physicians signature to the above

If you have questions regarding immunizations and the new law, please contact your physician or visit [ShotsForSchools.org](http://ShotsForSchools.org)