

Notice to Parents and Guardians about Vaccine Exemptions

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: New immunization requirements for 2016

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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. Others will not be affected until they matriculate up to kindergarten or middle school, because **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.**

More specifically, children currently attending K-5th grade in EUSD under a personal belief exemption, will be able to continue in EUSD under these exemptions. However, incoming kindergarteners for the 2016-2017 school year, and students in other grades who are newly enrolling in EUSD from a school outside of California, will no longer be able to attend under a personal belief exemption and will be required to obtain all required vaccines in order to attend school.

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](#).

Sincerely,

Maria Waskin, Director Pupil Personnel Services