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To: Child Care Facility Managers  
California County/District Superintendents and Nurses  
School Principals and Nurses

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Subject: 2017 Immunization Assessment Reporting

[California Health and Safety Code Section 120375](#) and [California Code of Regulations Section 6075](#) require all child care facilities and schools to assess and report annually on the immunization status of students. To complete the annual report, staff will need to review students' immunization records to determine each facility's or school's compliance.

Before reporting, please review the detailed reporting instructions at [www.ShotsforSchool.org](http://www.ShotsforSchool.org) and check that each student has either:

1. A complete and accurate California School Immunization Record (the blue CSIR card) in his or her cumulative file, or
2. A complete and accurate electronic record of his/her required vaccinations stored in a computerized system.

### **Cessation of Personal Belief Exemption (PBE)**

Under Senate Bill 277, since January 1, 2016 personal belief exemptions from the vaccines that are required for entry into child care facilities or school are no longer permitted.

In addition, immunization requirements do not apply to students who attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, parents or guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools.

Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) should continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.

Most facilities and schools will not be affected by the new law because a majority of children have received all required vaccinations. However, child care facilities and



schools must continue to maintain and report records of immunizations of all students. Reporting will continue to monitor all students who are missing vaccines for any reason, including reasons allowed by Senate Bill 277.

In recent years comprehensive financial and compliance audits of public schools by local educational agencies have included an immunization component for kindergarten and 7th grades that:

1. Did not submit immunization assessment reports or
2. Had conditional admission rates above 25% reported in the fall. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has found that many students who were identified as “conditional entrants” were improperly classified. These students were overdue for their immunizations and should have been excluded from school until they received the shots that were due *at the time of school entry*.

Schools found to have improperly admitted students that do not meet immunization requirements have been be subject to docking of ADA payments for those children. For more information, see <http://eaap.ca.gov>.

### **Quick Guide to the Annual Immunization Assessment Process**

Report for each grade at: [www.shotsforschool.org/reporting](http://www.shotsforschool.org/reporting)

School Reporting Web Address & Instructions, Worksheet and FAQs:	<a href="#">Child Care/Preschool</a>	<a href="#">Kindergarten</a>	<a href="#">7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tdap</a>
Login Password:	<i>shotsforschool</i>	<i>shotsforschool</i>	<i>shotsforschool</i>
Due Dates:	11/1/2017	11/1/2017	11/1/2017

Thank you for your continued efforts to protect California’s school children from life-threatening diseases.

cc: Immunization Branch Field Representatives  
Local Health Department Immunization Coordinators