



Immunization Branch

Dear Childcare and School Partners,

As you prepare for new admissions to childcare, kindergarten, and 7th grade in the fall, please note that medical exemptions issued in 2021 and beyond must be issued using CAIR-ME, the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website (<https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions>). If you do not already have a CAIR-ME account and you receive a new medical exemption from an enrollee, email us at medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov to request access to CAIR-ME so you can view medical exemptions issued in CAIR-ME for enrollees at your facility. Documents such as written letters and lab results about immunity are not sufficient for childcare and school admission purposes.

Medical exemptions written before 2020 by physicians who have been disciplined by their licensing board are no longer valid. Please review your student records to determine if any medical exemptions meet these criteria. Please see additional information in this [letter](#).

For more information about immunizations required for childcare and school entry, click [here](#). If you have questions about medical exemption requirements, please email medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov.