



REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED for 7th GRADE ENTRY 2020-21 School Year

Attention Parents/Guardians of current 6th Grade students,

California state law requires that all incoming 7th graders and newly admitted students be immunized against certain diseases. These requirements remain in place despite the current COVID-19 school closures. Parents must email a clear copy of their child's Immunization Record as proof of the following immunizations **prior to entering 7th grade**:

- **ONE TDaP booster shot** (*must have been given on or after 7th birthday*)
- **TWO Varicella (Chicken Pox)** (*Medical Exemption from your doctor required if your child has had the disease*)*
- **TWO MMR**
- **FOUR Polio** (*three acceptable if last one given on or after 4th birthday*)

Please check your child's Immunization Record now. If your child is missing any required immunization, schedule an appointment with your child's primary care provider as soon as possible. *Medical providers will continue to provide required immunizations during the COVID-19 shelter in place order.*

Personal Beliefs Exemptions are no longer valid at 7th grade entry. If your child had Personal Beliefs Exemptions and/or Temporary Medical Exemptions for **any** required immunization, they must receive the required immunization. Alternately, you must submit a Medical Exemption for each missing immunization, including Varicella*, if your child had Varicella (Chicken Pox) disease instead of the immunization. A Medical Exemption must meet the following requirements:

- Signed, written statement from a physician (MD or DO) licensed in California
- States the specific nature of the physical condition or medical circumstance of the child for which a licensed physician does not recommend immunization
- Specifies **each** required vaccine that is being exempted
- States whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
- If the exemption is temporary, includes an expiration date no more than 12 calendar months from the date of signing

A Medical Exemption form is attached. Complete Immunization Record and/or Medical Exemptions must be submitted to the school office **before starting school in the Fall of 2020.** Records should be emailed to delmar@reedschools.org. Students who have not met the immunization requirements prior to the beginning of the school year **will not be allowed to start school.** Submitting your records early will prevent any delay in scheduling your child's classes and assignments for the 2020-21 school year.

For more information about California immunization laws and for information about shots required for school, visit shotsforschool.org.

Sincerely,
Alison Mankin, RN

District Nurse