



Vax Facts:

Pediatric Immunization Updates – Changes to School Requirements, and Measles Vaccine Before Travel

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Changes to California School Immunization Regulations Effective July 1, 2019

See <https://www.shotsforschool.org/> to view the updated requirements for Child Care, K – 12 schools including Transitional K (TK), and 7th grade.

Key changes:

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine and 2 doses of MMR vaccine will be required for new admissions and transfers into a TK/K – 12 school at any grade level.
- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine will be required for advancement into 7th grade.

Providers should consider recalling patients with incomplete series before the “summer rush” of parents calling to schedule vaccination visits.

Measles Vaccination Before International Travel

Additional measles cases continue to be reported in California, often linked to international travel. Some have involved unimmunized children. Providers should bring their patients up to date on their recommended doses of MMR vaccine, particularly those patients planning international travel.

Routine childhood vaccination with MMR is recommended at ages 12 – 15 months and 4 – 6 years.

However, prior to international travel with children, CDC specifically recommends:

- Infants ages 6 – 11 months should receive an early dose of MMR vaccine prior to departure followed by revaccination with 2 more doses after their 1st birthday; the 2nd dose may be given starting 28 days after the 1st dose.
- Children age 12 months or older and adolescents should have received 2 doses of MMR prior to departure; the 2nd dose may be given starting 28 days after the 1st dose.

Additional information is available at:

<http://eziz.org/assets/docs/2019March7MMRBeforetravel.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

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