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RE: *Medical Exemptions for 2021-2022 School Year*

To the parents of \_\_\_\_\_,

Starting January 1, 2021, all medical exemptions for school entry must be issued through CAIR-ME (<https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home>). Parents can create an account and log in to CAIR-ME to submit a request for a medical exemption. Next, the child's doctor can complete the medical exemption in CAIR-ME and print a copy for parents to give to your child's school. The doctor will need the grade span : 7th to 12th grade and the admissions dates: August 12, 2021 to May 27th, 2022.

If any immunizations cannot be given to your child because of medical reasons, a Medical Exemption from your child's doctor is required with each immunization type listed. If your child had chickenpox (varicella), a Medical Exemption is also required. **Temporary Medical Exemption Letters must be updated annually. Personal beliefs are no longer allowed.**

An excerpt from [shotsforschool.org](https://shotsforschool.org) has been included below for your reference. For more information on changes to medical exemptions, please visit <https://shotsforschool.org/laws/exemptions/>

**2. Are medical exemptions filed for children in attendance at a California child care facility or school before 2021 valid in later years?**

A medical exemption filed at a pre-kindergarten facility or school remains valid until the earliest of:

- When the child enrolls in the next grade span (TK/K-6th grade, 7th-12th grade)
- The expiration date specified in a temporary medical exemption
- Revocation of the exemption because the issuing physician has been subject to disciplinary action from the physician's licensing entity.

Source: [shotsforschool.org](https://shotsforschool.org)