

# CA Senate Bill (SB) 277: What Does it Mean for Yolo County?

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## Acronym Key:

- ▶ PBE: Personal Beliefs Exemption
- ▶ PME: Permanent Medical Exemption
- ▶ IZ: Immunization
- ▶ SB 277: CA Senate Bill 277 (new law)
- ▶ CDPH: California Department of Public Health
- ▶ UTD: Up-to-Date
- ▶ D.O.: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

## What is SB 277?

Governor Brown signed SB 277 on June 30, 2015. SB 277 changes immunization requirements for children entering a child-care facility or school.



## Starting January 1, 2016:

- ▶ Parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a PBE to a currently-required vaccine.
- ▶ **Personal Beliefs Exemption:** an affidavit from parents to schools stating they have personal or religious beliefs against their children receiving one or more school required vaccines.



## What about PBEs filed in 2015?

- ▶ New PBEs were accepted through 12/31/15.
- ▶ PBEs filed in 2015 are only valid when:
  - ▶ Signed by both an authorized health care provider and a parent/guardian no more than 6 months prior to first entry into a school or child-care facility or a new grade span.

## Will PBEs filed in California before 2016 remain valid in later years?

- ▶ PBEs filed at a school or child-care facility before January 1, 2016 will remain valid until the student enrolls in the next grade span, typically at kindergarten (or transitional kindergarten) or 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



## What if additional vaccines become required?

- ▶ Medical and personal beliefs exemptions will be allowed from any new immunization requirement initiated by CDPH for attendance at school or child-care facility.



## What is required for a medical exemption?

- ▶ A written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states:
  - ▶ That the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated.
  - ▶ Which vaccines are being exempted.
  - ▶ Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary.
  - ▶ The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary.
- ▶ There is no standard form, but the above elements must be present for a medical exemption to be considered valid.



## What about Home-study students?

- ▶ Students will no longer be required to have immunizations for entry if they attend:
  - ▶ A home-based private school or
  - ▶ An independent study program with no classroom-based instruction.



## Special Education?

- ▶ The immunization requirements do not prohibit pupils from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs.



## Which vaccines are required for school entry?

Entry Requirements by Age and Grade Before Entering:			
Vaccine	4-6 Years Old Elementary School at Transitional/Kindergarten/ Kindergarten and Above	7-17 Years Old Elementary or Secondary School	7th Grade*
<b>Polio (OPV or IPV)</b>	<b>4 doses</b> (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	<b>4 doses</b> (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2nd birthday)	
<b>Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis</b>	<b>5 doses of DTap, DTP, or DT</b> (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	<b>4 doses of DTap, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td</b> (3 doses ok if last dose was given on or after 2nd birthday. At least one dose must be Tdap or DTap/DTP given on or after 7th birthday for all 7th-12th graders.)	<b>1 dose of Tdap</b> (Or DTP/DTap given on or after the 7th birthday.)
<b>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)</b>	<b>2 doses</b> (Both given on or after 1st birthday. Only one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines are required if given separately.)	<b>1 dose</b> (Dose given on or after 1st birthday. Mumps vaccine is not required if given separately.)	<b>2 doses of MMR or any measles-containing vaccine</b> (Both doses given on or after 1st birthday.)
<b>Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)</b>	<b>3 doses</b>		
<b>Varicella (chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V, or VZV)</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>1 dose</b> for ages 7-12 years. <b>2 doses</b> for ages 13-17 years.	

\*New admissions to 7th grade should also meet the requirements for ages 7-17 years.

## Where can I find more information on SB 277?

- ▶ [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) - fantastic information resource for child-care, schools, parents, and providers
- ▶ “California Immunization Handbook” is the main reference publication for school staff who work with IZ records.
- ▶ No longer in print, but available on website →



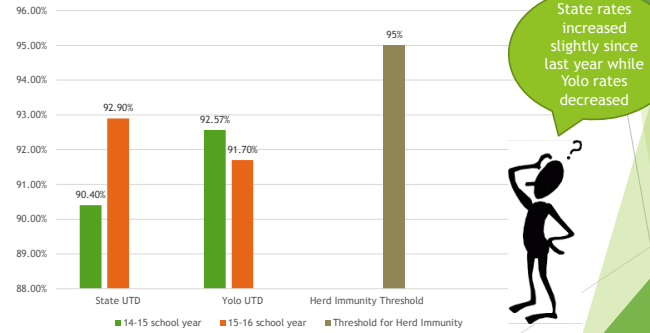
## What does this mean for Yolo County?

- ▶ Children entering school at kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade checkpoints who do not produce proof of immunization with at least one dose of all required vaccines will not be admitted to public or private schools.

**No Shots? No Records?  
No School.**



## Yolo County Kindergarten IZ Rates Compared to State



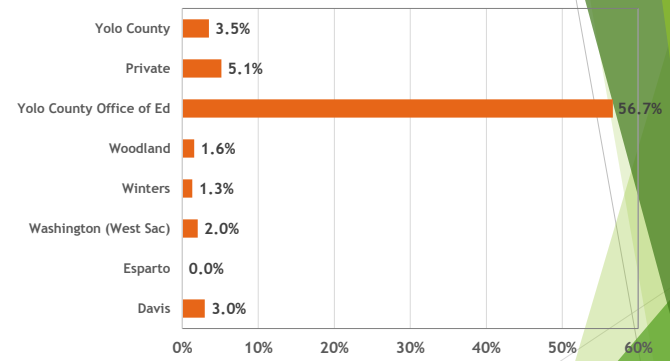
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### Percent of Yolo County Kindergarteners Up-to-Date for Required School Vaccines, 2009-2015

School District	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	R <sup>2</sup>	Trend
Davis	92%	92%	92%	93%	94%	93%	94%	0.56	None
Esparto	98%	100%	95%	97%	96%	100%	100%	0.09	None
Washington (West Sac)	95%	74%	90%	87%	85%	88%	88%	<0.01	None
Winters	98%	96%	97%	89%	93%	96%	97%	0.02	None
Woodland	96%	97%	98%	96%	98%	97%	97%	<0.01	None
Yolo Co Off Ed	--	--	--	--	--	--	37%		N/A
Private	85%	83%	83%	82%	78%	80%	87%	0.02	None
Total	94%	89%	93%	92%	92%	93%	93%	<0.01	None

Source: CDPH Immunization Branch

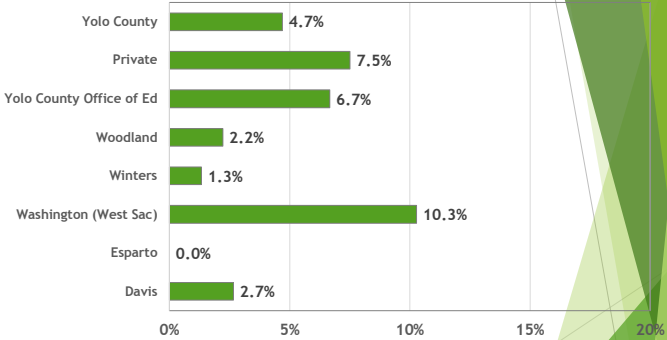
### Percent of Kindergarteners with Personal Belief Exemptions by School District, Yolo County 2015-16



Source: CDPH Immunization Branch

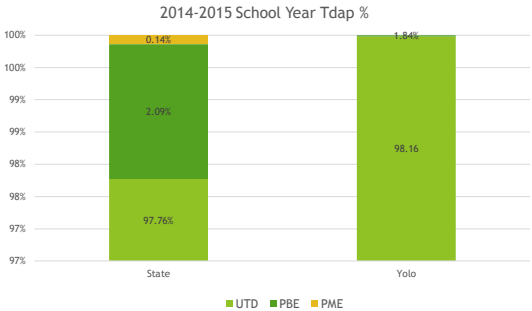


### Percent of Kindergarteners with Conditional Entries by School District, Yolo County 2015-16



Source: CDPH Immunization Branch

### Yolo County 7<sup>th</sup> grade Tdap Rates Compared to State



Source: CDPH Immunization Branch

## Who are the stakeholders and what are they doing?

- ▶ Families
- ▶ Providers of IZ's
  - ▶ Physicians
  - ▶ Pharmacies
- ▶ Child-care Providers
- ▶ Health Insurance Providers
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Public Health
  - ▶ State
  - ▶ Local



## Schools

- ▶ Staff education
- ▶ Admin memos to staff discussing details of new requirements
- ▶ Letter to families
- ▶ Review of student IZ records
- ▶ Continuous IZ record review for conditional entrants
- ▶ Directing families to appropriate resources



## State Public Health (CDPH)

- ▶ Data & Statistics
- ▶ HealthMap vaccine finder
- ▶ Template letter to schools
- ▶ IZ branch update calls
- ▶ How is your school doing? Tool →
- ▶ Resources (Shotsforschool.org)



**How is your school doing?**  
Check your school's immunization coverage



## Local Public Health

- ▶ Assessment of local school IZ data
- ▶ Working closely with school staff as a source of consultation to provide resources
- ▶ Eligible children are coming to IZ clinic to receive missing IZ's
- ▶ Presentation on IZ's/SB 277 given to school nurses at HHSA/Schools meeting in December, almost constant communication since then.
- ▶ Presentation given to nursing students
- ▶ Planned Press release before current school year ends.
- ▶ Extra IZ clinics in the fall, in time for "Back to School" season.



## Conclusions:

- ▶ No more PBEs will be accepted at California schools
- ▶ All stakeholders have a role in keeping our community free of vaccine preventable disease
- ▶ Yolo County: lowest IZ rates in W. Sacramento, Private, and Charter schools
- ▶ IZ Providers: be an immunization champion for your practice
- ▶ Be aware of vaccines currently required for school entry at K & 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- ▶ Be prepared with the info to make a strong recommendation for immunization
- ▶ Keep the dialogue open and honest with vaccine hesitant parents

## Resources:

- ▶ <http://www.shotsforschool.org/>
- ▶ [https://www.gov.ca.gov/docs/SB\\_277\\_Signing\\_Message.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/docs/SB_277_Signing_Message.pdf)
- ▶ <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/2014-15%20CA%20Kindergarten%20Immunization%20Assessment.pdf>
- ▶ [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/2015-16\\_CA\\_KindergartenSummaryReport.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/2015-16_CA_KindergartenSummaryReport.pdf)

Thank you for your time!

