

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is conditional admission?

In limited circumstances, some children who have not received one or more required immunizations may attend child care or school while they catch up on these immunizations.

2. What are examples of children who may attend child care or school under conditional admission?

- **Children younger than 18 months who have met all the requirements for admission** are required to receive additional vaccine doses as they become older ([Table 1, Section 6020](#)). These children may be conditionally admitted but must complete the remaining doses when they become due ([Table 1, Section 6020](#)). The child care or related facility should notify the parent or guardian of the date by which the pupil must complete the remaining doses.
- **Children admitted with a temporary medical exemption** to one or more immunization(s) as documented by California-licensed physicians (M.D. or D.O.) prior to admission: To attend child care or school, these children should receive all vaccines except those listed in the exemption. The physician documentation should include the date by which the exemption expires. Once this expiration date has occurred, the child may continue in attendance only after the school or child care receives documentation of receipt of the temporarily exempted vaccines.
- **Children who have received some but not all required immunization doses and are NOT CURRENTLY DUE** for any doses at the time of admission. These students should NOT be admitted until they have received all doses that are currently due. If additional required doses are due later, the children may be admitted conditionally. The parent or guardian is then notified of the date by which the pupil must complete all the required immunizations in accordance with [Table 2, Section 6035](#).

If a child has NOT received all immunization doses which are currently due, the child should NOT be admitted until all doses currently due are received. [Table 2, Section 6035](#) shows when doses are due. If a child has not received any dose of a required vaccine, a first dose MUST be received prior to admission.

3. What if conditionally admitted children are exposed to diseases to which they have not been fully immunized?

Any child who is not completely immunized against a particular communicable disease may be subject to exclusion if exposed to the disease or during an outbreak of the disease.

4. How often do I review the immunization records of students who are conditionally admitted?

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 6070 (f) states that “(t)he governing authority shall see that the immunization record of each pupil admitted conditionally is reviewed every 30 days until that pupil has received all the required immunizations. Any immunizations received subsequent to conditional admission shall be entered in the pupil's immunization record.”