

## **SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES**

### **What is a transitional kindergarten?**

A transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. Pursuant to law, (EC 48000[c]), for the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter, a child is eligible for transitional kindergarten if the fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2.

### **Should students who are 4 years old receive their pre-Kindergarten booster vaccines?**

Yes. Under [California's kindergarten immunization requirements](#), even four-year old children need their pre-kindergarten immunizations prior to the first day of transitional kindergarten where they could potentially be exposed to vaccine preventable diseases. The [federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, American Academy of Pediatrics, and American Academy Family Physicians recommend pre-kindergarten immunizations starting as young as four years of age](#).

### **Are students in the transitional kindergarten also subject to the Kindergarten immunization requirements?**

Yes. They are required to have documentation of required immunizations or a valid exemption prior to admission to the transitional kindergarten.

### **Are students in the transitional kindergarten required to meet Kindergarten immunization requirements before the first or second year of the program?**

Before admission to the first year of the transitional kindergarten program.

### **How should a school report these transitional kindergarten students for the kindergarten annual immunization assessment report?**

For each year, the student is attending transitional or traditional kindergarten, report on their immunization status. On the reporting form, there will be no differentiation between transitional or traditional kindergarten students. Reporting opens in September at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org).