

HEALTH SERVICES

****INFORMATION ALERT****

Elimination of the Personal Belief Exemption for Vaccinations

On June 30, 2015 Governor Brown signed SB 277, eliminating the personal belief exemption from the vaccine requirements for school entry. **The changes will take effect in 2016-17 school year.**

Under SB 277, a student may only be exempt from the vaccine requirements with a medical exemption by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.).

Students with personal belief exemptions filed before **January 1, 2016**, will need to provide proof of vaccinations when entering transitional kindergarten/kindergarten and the 7th grade.

- If a student is entering any grade from 1st-6th, the personal belief exemption will continue to apply until the student enters 7th grade.
- If the student is entering the 8th grade or higher, the personal belief exemption will continue to apply until the student graduates from high school.
- If a student is entering transitional kindergarten, kindergarten or 7th grade, the personal belief exemption will not apply and the student's parent/guardian **must submit proof of vaccination(s) in order for the student to be enrolled.**

Students with a medical exemption currently on file are not affected by SB 277. If a parent/guardian decides to seek a medical exemption, they must file a written statement by 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 exempt
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary

Any questions, please contact Kathy Barry, District Nurse at 310-750-0564.