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## GOV. JERRY BROWN SIGNS VACCINATION BILL (SB 277)

Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 277 Tuesday morning despite calls for him to veto.

Brown said of the decision, "The science is clear that vaccines dramatically protect children against a number of infectious and dangerous diseases. While it's true that no medical intervention is without risk, the evidence shows that immunization powerfully benefits and protects the community."

Notwithstanding the Bill's approval, opponents of the bill gathered over 80,000 signatures as of Tuesday calling for the Governor to veto the Bill.

Under the law as enacted, students enrolled in an independent study program are exempt. If a student enrolls in a classroom-based program, however, he/she is no longer exempt.

If a student submitted a personal belief exemption prior to January 1, 2016, that student can remain enrolled in a public school program without submitting proof of vaccination until the student enrolls in their next "grade span." The law defines grade spans as a) birth to preschool, b) K to 6th grade and c) 7th to 12th grade. In other words, only when a student moves from one of these grade spans to the next must the student provide proof of vaccination. This exemption ENDS on July 1, 2016, however.

Starting July 1, 2016, ALL students who are admitted for the first time to a school must provide proof of vaccination and ALL students entering 7th grade or higher (regardless of whether or not the student is a first-time student at that school) must provide proof of vaccination. In other words, every student from 7th grade to 12th grade must provide proof of vaccination and all students enrolling for the first time in grades TK through 6th must provide proof of vaccination.

The only exemption that will remain after July 1, 2016 is enrollment in an independent study program.

[READ THE ENTIRE BILL HERE](#)

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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