

School Update Bulletin 2017

TO: CHDP Providers, All Public School Districts and Private School Administrators

FROM: Kern County Public Health Services Department, CHDP Program

RE: **School Entry Packets are Still Available Online!**

Children entering school for the first time must show proof of a health examination and immunizations before they can attend school. **Students entering 7th grade are required to have a pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap).** For more information, visit the “Shots for School” website at www.shotsforschools.org. Health screenings are given at an early age to detect problems that may interfere with learning. This information is called the **SCHOOL ENTRY PACKET.**

The enclosed “**Report of Health Exam for School Entry (PM 171A)**” **must be completed at the time of entry.** This form satisfies the letter of the law that guides school entry requirements. **The health exam must be obtained no earlier than 6 months before entering transitional kindergarten/kindergarten or 18 months prior to first grade. Please schedule school exams beginning the March prior to Kindergarten entry.** All CHDP Providers must agree to provide health assessment summary or immunization information to the child’s parent or legal guardian at no cost upon request.

It is up to the local school districts to require TB skin testing or TB risk assessments. CHDP requires all children be assessed for risk exposure to tuberculosis at each health assessment and test, if indicated. Children with a documented TST > 10mm should not have a repeat TST.

All the material for the packet is available online and can be accessed through the County webpage at www.kernpublichealth.com/Infants-children/child-health-disability-prevention-chdp-program, School Entry Packet.

Please call Patricia Torres, Office Service Specialist at 661-868-0455, if you have any questions. If you have specific questions regarding resources on immunizations, please call (661) 321-3000 and ask for the Immunization Section. To receive future correspondence electronically, please send your e-mail address to: torresp@co.kern.ca.us