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New Immunization Requirements 2016

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Dear Parents,

Under a new law SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016, exemptions based on personal beliefs will no longer be an option for vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. The new law will not affect most families because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal belief exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reached the next immunization checkpoint at Kindergarten or 7th grade.

At the time of the next immunization checkpoint, your child will be required to have one of the following:

1. Be up to date on all vaccinations for their age group and grade level (see chart)
2. Have started the course of vaccinations, and remain on schedule, to become up to date on all vaccinations for their age group and grade level (see chart)
3. Have a medical exemption signed 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 being exempted
 - Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
 - The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary
4. Enroll in a home school or independent study program that does not offer Classroom-based instruction

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at www.shotsforschool.org, or contact the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department or Santa Barbara County Office of Education.

Thanks for helping us keep our children and community healthy.

Sincerely,

Scott Turnbull

Superintendent/Principal Vista Del Mar