



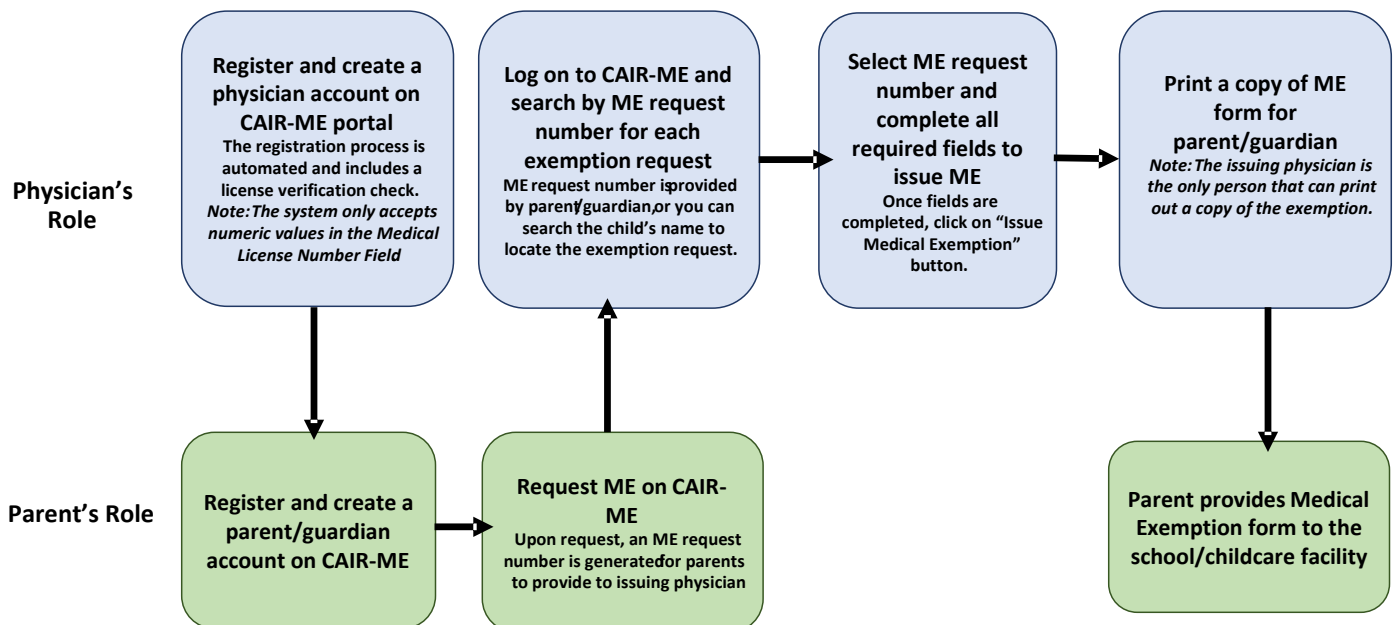
Physician's Role in Filing Medical Exemptions in California for K-12 Schools & Childcare (Pre-K)

How to File for Medical Exemptions

Background: Effective January 1, 2021, the passage of Senate Bills (SB) 276 and 714 require California physicians (MD and DO) to file new immunization Medical Exemptions (ME) electronically on the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) Medical Exemption web portal: [CDPH CAIR-ME](#). This policy applies to all Pre-K and K-12 students enrolled in both public and private schools and childcare agencies in California.

If the physician has determined that a student qualifies for a medical exemption (e.g. child was previously infected with chickenpox and has a positive Varicella IgG titer, OR child is a bone marrow transplant recipient and cannot receive live vaccines), the issuing physician and parent/guardian should follow the steps below to request and file an immunization medical exemption.

NOTE: Laboratory antibody titer reports must be uploaded to CAIR-ME when requesting a medical exemption on CAIR-ME to document prior history of disease. A medical exemption may be issued no more than 12 months before a child first enters a grade span (grade spans are birth-preschool, TK/K-6th grade, and 7th-12th grade).



For more information, visit the [Shots for Schools Medical Exemption FAQ](#) webpage and for step-by step instructions, review the [Medical Exemption Slide Deck](#). For additional technical assistance and information, please contact the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health School Support unit at 213-351-7800 or SchoolSupport@ph.lacounty.gov.