

Northcoast Preparatory Academy

An International Baccalaureate World School
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Dear Families,

As you may know, the State of California has instituted new immunization requirements for all students. Under a new law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs, including religious beliefs, are no longer an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending school will remain valid for our 6th grade students until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at 7th grade.

It will be necessary for the school and families to work together to ensure that required immunizations have been received. Starting next year, NPA will not be allowed to enroll students who have not started the required vaccination sequences. Eve Lubowe will contact families who have not completed the required immunizations to offer guidance about the process and timeline. Please contact Eve at 825-1186 if you have any questions.

For more information about SB 277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at: <http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>. 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 your [local health department](#) or [county office of education](#).

Sincerely,

Michael Bazemore