



# ST. SERRA CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE PROCESS

## Requirements for PRESCHOOL Volunteers

In addition to the regular requirements needed to volunteer at St. Junipero Serra Catholic School, there are a few extra requirements in order to be able to volunteer in Preschool. Both sets of requirements must be completed prior to receiving clearance to volunteer in St. Serra Preschool.

The additional requirements are:

1. Letter of Good Health: This is a letter written, signed, and dated by you stating that you are in good health and able to volunteer at St. Junipero Serra Catholic Preschool. A doctor does NOT have to sign this letter.
2. Proof of a negative TB test done within the past year. This must include the date the TB test was given, the date it was read (48-72 hours later), a negative result, and the name, address, and phone number of the health care provider who performed the TB test.
3. Proof of immunization or immunity to pertussis, measles (rubella), and influenza. Please complete the attached immunization form. Return the completed form along with the required immunization records.

Items 1-3 above should be submitted directly to Preschool Director Michelle Bentley.

**IMMUNIZATION RECORDS FOR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS AT SERRA CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL (Per SB 792)**

***Please complete this form and attach immunization records as described below.***

		DATE:
NAME:	DOB:	
ADDRESS:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
PHONE:		

***What is Required***

Under SB 792, day care centers and family day care homes, as part of their licensure requirements, will have to maintain vaccination records for their employees and volunteers for influenza, pertussis, and measles as outlined below. Failure to maintain accurate records will be treated like any other violation of licensure requirements.

VACCINATIONS REQUIRED	Check here as to which applies	RECORDS - It is mandatory to attach written and signed records to support which box applies for each Vaccine.
<b><i>Influenza</i></b>		A copy of an immunization record for influenza dated between August 1 and December 1 of <u>each year</u>
		A statement from the employee's or volunteer's physician that there is a medical reason not to vaccinate the employee or volunteer.
		A statement from the employee's or volunteer's physician that the employee or volunteer is already immune to influenza.
		A signed statement from the employee or volunteer stating that they have declined to be vaccinated against the flu.
<b><i>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)</i></b>		A copy of an immunization record for pertussis.
		A statement from the employee's or volunteer's physician that there is a medical reason not to vaccinate the employee or volunteer.
		A statement from the employee's or volunteer's physician that the employee or volunteer is already immune to pertussis.
<b><i>Measles</i></b>		A copy of an immunization record for measles.
		A statement from the employee's or volunteer's physician that there is a medical reason not to vaccinate the employee or volunteer.
		A statement from the employee's or volunteer's physician that the employee or volunteer is already immune to measles.

**Vaccinations Required - Reasoning**  
**SB 792 (Mendoza) Vaccines for Day Care Center Employees and Volunteers**

**Influenza**

*Reasoning:* According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), "the flu can be a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Anyone can get sick from the flu." Furthermore, "children younger than 5, but especially younger than 2 years old" are at serious risk of complications from the flu." Since 2004-2005, flu-related deaths in children reported to CDC during regular influenza seasons have ranged from 35 deaths (during 2011-2012) to over 150 deaths (during 2012-2013). However, during the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, {April 15, 2009 to October 2, 2010}, 348 pediatric deaths were reported to CDC." Death and illness from the flu is preventable. Individuals with the flu can be contagious for 24 hours before showing signs of symptoms, which is why vaccination is important - it is not enough simply to refrain from working while ill.

**\*\*\*\* Annual Requirement:** Flu viruses change each year, which is why an annual vaccine is required. The vaccine is usually available in the fall, and early vaccination is recommended in order to prevent the spread of the flu. Under this bill, employees and volunteers will need to show that they have been vaccinated between August 1 and December 1 of each year.

*Opting out:* Employees may decline to receive the influenza vaccine:

**Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**

*Reasoning:* According to CDPH, there were 11,114 reported cases of whooping cough with three infant deaths in 2014. Infants receive their first pertussis immunization at two months of age, but they are not fully immunized until they have received several doses. Infants too young to be immunized rely on those around them to maintain their immunity.

**Measles**

*Reasoning:* According to the CDC, "Measles can cause serious health complications, such as pneumonia or encephalitis, and even death. Children younger than 5 years of age and adults older than 20 years of age are at high risk of getting a serious case of measles. About 1 in 4 unvaccinated people in the U.S. who get measles will be hospitalized; 1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling (encephalitis); 1 or 2 out of 1,000 people with measles will die, even with the best care."