

New Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Immunization Requirements for Students in Grades 7-12

Starting July 2011, the new state law (AB 354) requires all students entering 7th through 12th grades to be immunized with a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine booster called Tdap.

The new requirement affects all students – current, new, and transfers – in public and private schools. Students need their Tdap shot before coming back to school in August 2011. There is no grace period for this requirement.

Get your child's Tdap shot now! A large number of students need a Tdap shot between now and the start of school next year. Make an appointment with your child's doctor or clinic for your child to get a Tdap booster shot now. Avoid the back to school rush. After receiving the immunization, bring your shot record or fax a copy to your child's school.

"Tdap" Information Resources

"Shots for School" by the California Department of Public Health
<http://www.shotsforschool.org/>

"What Parents Need to Know" from the California Department of Public Health
http://eziz.org/PDF/ab_354_faq_for_parents_11_05_2010.pdf

Assembly Bill 354
[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0351-0400/
ab_354_bill_20100929_chaptered.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0351-0400/ab_354_bill_20100929_chaptered.html)