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Pertussis Immunization Requirement for Students in Grades Seven through Twelve

Assembly Bill 354 was signed into law in September 2010. As a result, students entering or advancing to grades seven through twelve in the 2011-2012 school year are required to be immunized with a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine booster called Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap). The new requirement goes into effect July 1, 2011, for one year and affects all students-current, new, and transfers-in public and private schools.

Students will not receive their Fall schedule of classes unless they can show proof of Tdap immunization. DTaP immunization at age seven or later will also be accepted. A large number of students need a Tdap shot between now and the start of the next school year. We are asking that proof of immunization be given to your child's school by May 15, so that there is time for recording before the end of the school year. Get your child's Tdap shot NOW to be certain everything is in order by the start of school in August, 2011!

Pertussis Facts

- Pertussis (whooping cough) is a **highly contagious** respiratory illness.
- It is spread from person to person by coughing or sneezing.
- It can cause serious illness and complications in children and adults, but is most dangerous for babies.
- **More than half of young infants who get the disease must be hospitalized.**
- California is currently experiencing an epidemic of pertussis, with the **highest rates of the disease since 1947.**
- **At least 10 infants in California have died from pertussis in 2010.**
- Although the Tdap booster is only required for grades seven through twelve, adults are also advised to get a pertussis booster to protect themselves, their families, and their community.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Shots Prevent the Disease

- Everyone needs to be up-to-date on their whooping cough shot (DTap for kids younger than 7 years; or Tdap for older ages)
- Immunity from the disease or the shots wears off, so people 10 years and older need a booster shot
- Newborn babies are too young for the shots
- Keep your baby away from anyone with a cough or cold symptoms

Where to Get the Tdap Vaccine

Pertussis vaccine can be obtained through your health care provider or at the following clinics:

Roseville Community Clinic
1130 Conroy Lane, Suite 402
Roseville, Ca 95661
Every Monday 8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-4:00 pm

Auburn Community Clinic
11584 B Ave (Annex)
Auburn, Ca 95603
Every Friday 8:30-11:30 am & 1:00-4:00 pm