

Attention all 6th Grade Students

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization Requirements for Students



Starting July 2011, a new law (AB 354) changing California immunization requirements for all students entering 7th-12th grades goes into effect.

- ☐ For this coming school year (2020-2021 school year), **all students going into 7th – 12th grades** must have proof of having had the Tdap booster shot before starting school. Tdap is a booster vaccine for older children, adolescents, and adults. It safely protects against 3 dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (also called pertussis).
- ☐ A large number of students need a Tdap shot before the start of school next year. Avoid the rush and make sure your child can start school on time. **Make an appointment for your incoming 7th – 12th grader to get a Tdap booster shot now.**
 - Contact your health care provider or:

**East County Public Health Center
855 E. Madison Avenue, El Cajon
619-441-6500**

- ☐ **If your child does not have proof of a Tdap shot before school starts, he/she may not start school at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.** Any student who does not have proof of getting a Tdap booster shot will not be allowed to start school until proof of immunization is given to the school.

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