

# Notice to Parents of 7th-12th Graders Pertussis(Whooping Cough) Booster Shot

## Parents and Guardians:

### Pertussis Booster Shot

Whooping cough (pertussis) has been widespread in California during 2010. **A new California law (Assembly Bill 354) will require that in the 2011-12 school year all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades be immunized against pertussis by receiving the Tdap pertussis booster shot** and provide proof of receiving the shot before starting school. If your child is 10 years and older and has not yet received the Tdap pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department. Getting the booster shot will protect your child against the ongoing threat of pertussis.

- Begins July 1, 2011
- Can be met by receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after 10th birthday.
- Applies to all public and private schools.
- Documentation should be given to the school so date can be entered on the immunization record.

If your child receives the Tdap pertussis booster shot now, it will provide immediate protection **and** meet the school requirement for 2011-12.

Adults are also advised to get a pertussis booster shot, if they haven't already, to protect themselves and their families as well as our students. For more information, please visit [www.sdiz.org/](http://www.sdiz.org/) .