



2011-2012 Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization Requirements for California School Students

On September 29, 2010 California wrote into law Assembly Bill 354, 2011 Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization Requirements for Students. Whooping cough (pertussis) has been widespread in California during 2010. The California Department of Public Health recommends that all Californians 10 years and older receive a booster shot against pertussis (also known as "Tdap"). Moreover, Assembly Bill 354, now chaptered into California law, requires students to be immunized against pertussis.

For the 2011-12 school years only, all students entering 7th through 12th grades will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.

This requirement:

- Begins July 1, 2011.
- Can be met by receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 10th birthday.
- Applies to all public and private schools.
- Does not affect students enrolled in summer school.

Beginning July 1, 2012, and beyond, all students entering the 7th grade will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.

Please contact your student's school for more information or visit:

www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Pertussis.aspx

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