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MIDDLE SCHOOL PERTUSSIS BOOSTER

## Pertussis Immunization Booster/Tdap (Whooping Cough)

**California Law, Assembly Bill 354, requires students to be vaccinated against whooping cough. All new students entering grades seven and eight are required to show proof of having received a Tdap immunization.**

By law, students who have not submitted proof of their record of immunization by the start of school will not be able to attend school until documentation is submitted.

We find that many incoming seventh graders have not yet received their Tdap shot, so be sure there is proof of Tdap immunization on your record before submitting it.

**For questions or clarification, please contact  
Middle School Nurse at 408.553.0311**

### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TDAP:**

A new school immunization law requires all students entering grades 7-12 in California to be immunized with a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine booster called Tdap.

The new law states that, in order to begin school, each student must have a Tdap booster on or after their 10th birthday AND the school must have must have a "Notice of Tdap Booster Requirement" form, OR a copy of your immunization record with current Tdap, on file for each student.

Parents are also encouraged to contact their doctor's office for further clarification and/or confirmation as to whether their child has had the booster.

*Please visit the following California Department of Public Health (CDPH) links for more information:*

**Shots for School** - [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org)

**Immunization Requirements** -  
[www.getimmunizedca.org](http://www.getimmunizedca.org)

*Immunizations may be given by your family physician or are available at area clinics. Call the clinics for information regarding days, times, fees and appointments.*