

Tdap? DTaP? Td?

Clinicians: Keep it Clear for Schools

Schools working on the new Tdap requirement are faced with unclear student immunization records and similar vaccine names. Make it easy by giving parents documentation that clearly indicates when and where Tdap was given. You have many options for clear documentation, including but not limited to:

1. Blue Card from CAIR

If your patient's records are in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), you may print out an official California School Immunization Record (Blue Card). Once the dose has been recorded in CAIR, the required Tdap dose will automatically be displayed in the printed CAIR Blue Card.

OR 2. Provider form

You may use the fillable documentation forms sponsored by AAP-CA and CAFP. The forms are available from AAP-CA, CAFP, Local Health Departments, and EZIZ.org (Forms page for VFC providers).

OR

3. Letter from your practice

Your practice may send a letter that documents receipt of Tdap vaccination and date of birth. Electronic medical records and mail merge capability may be used when available.



OR 4. Yellow Card

You may also provide a legible updated California Immunization Record (yellow card) that clearly has a space for a Tdap booster.

CAUTION: Older forms that do not list Tdap can be confusing - try other options.