

How are health plans & provider groups implementing the new Tdap requirement?

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Welcome

to California's website about immunizations required for school entry.

This site provides news and information for schools, parents, and healthcare providers about school immunization requirements in California.

New Law for 2011-2012!

[7th through 12th Grade Tdap Requirement](#). 7th through 12th graders need a [whooping cough \(pertussis\)](#) shot before starting the school year.

[Notice to California schools](#) from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the California Department of Public Health.

[Notice to California providers](#) from the California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch.

Frequently Asked Tdap Requirement Questions for:

[Parents](#) | [Schools and Providers](#) | [Finding Vaccine](#)

Contact your [local health department](#) for more information about immunizations.
For information about school health, visit the [California Department of Education](#) website.

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Days

Until School's Out*
(May 31, 2011)

3 Months **5** Days

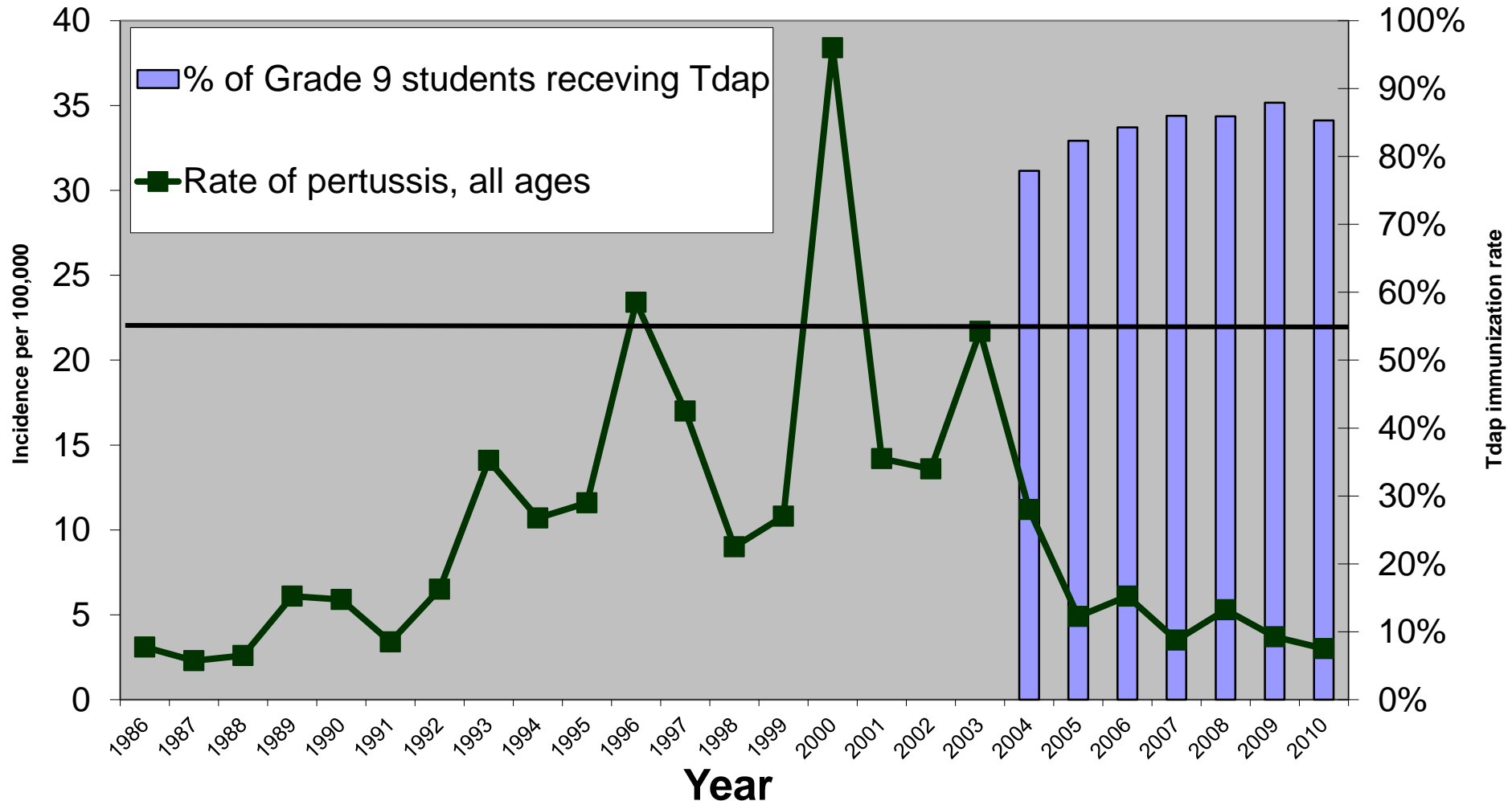
Until School Starts*
(August 29, 2011)

* Your school calendar may vary.

AB 354 Signed into Law

- 2011-12 school year
- All students entering or advancing into 7th through 12th grades in California will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.
- Applies to all public and private schools

Incidence of Pertussis and Tdap Immunization Rates in British Columbia, 1986-2010



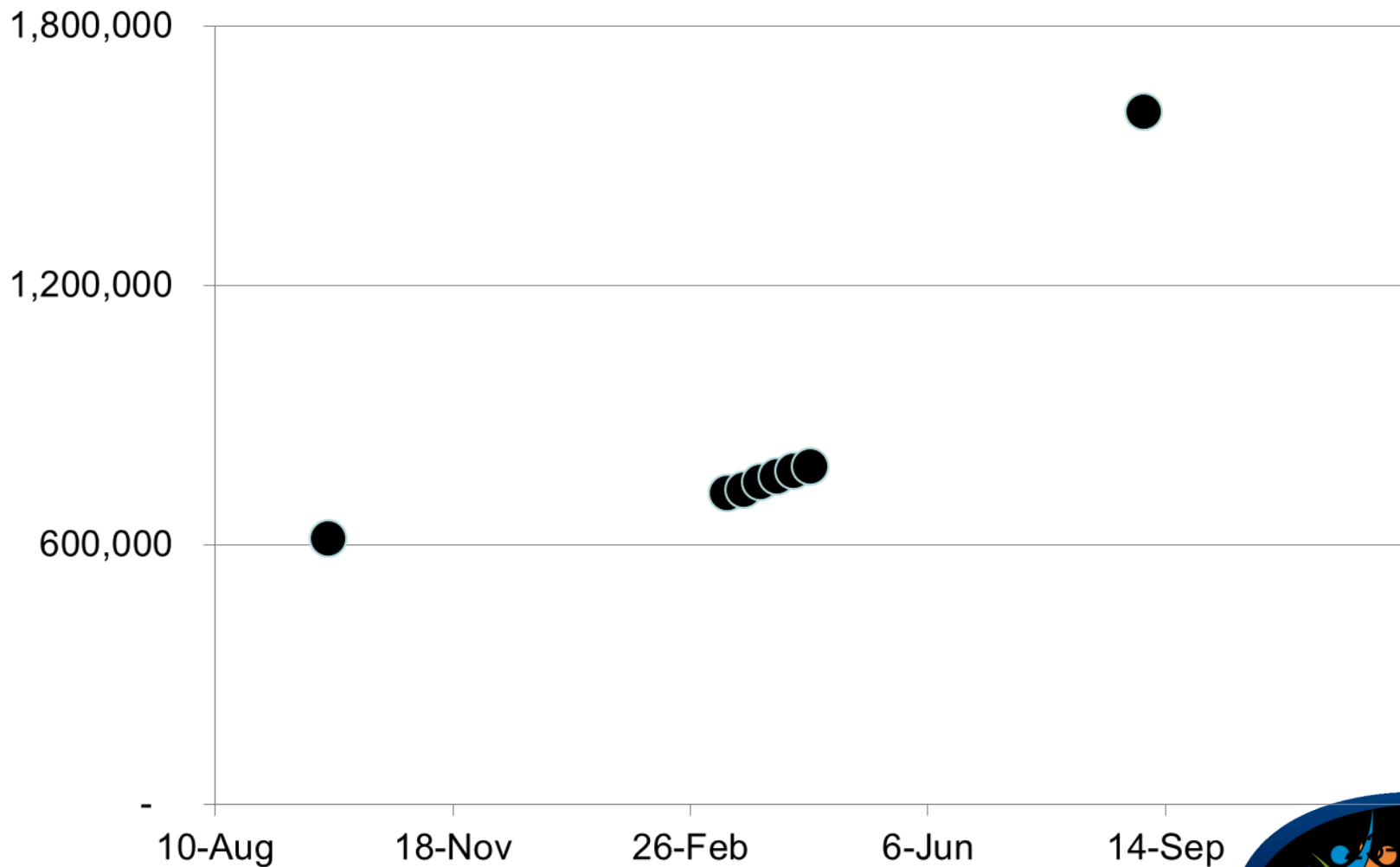
Data: British Columbia Centre for Disease Control

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2011-12 school year in California

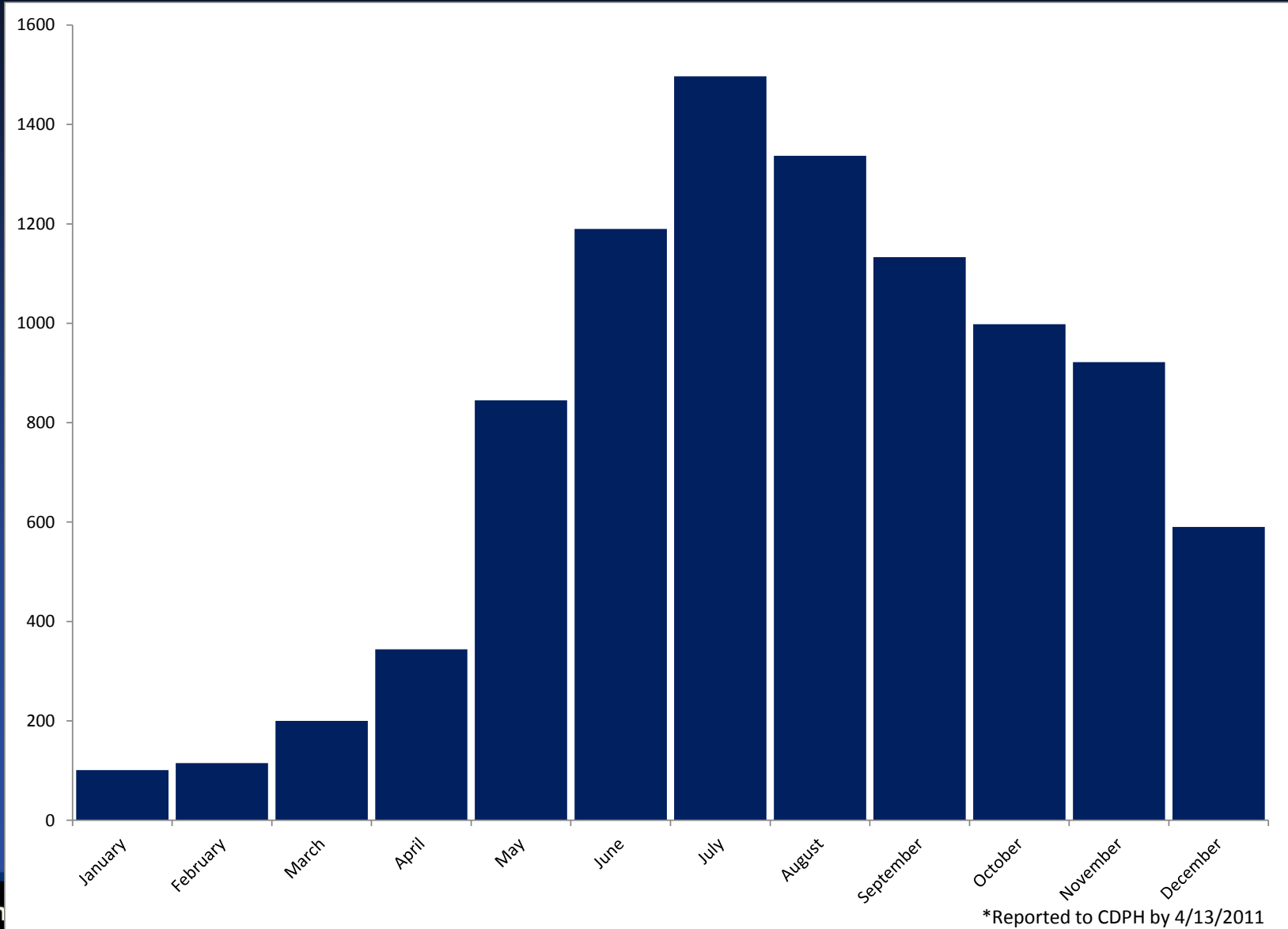
- **~3 Million** students in 7th-12th Grades
 - >> 5000 Schools
 - High schools new to vaccine requirements
- **~53%** @ 13-17 years had had Tdap by 2009
 - ~25% have received Td
 - **≤1.4 Million** affected students not yet immunized with Tdap

Tdap doses in CAIR, 10-18 years old: April 2011



Tdap now!—No summer vacation for pertussis

Summer and fall are peak seasons



Tdap now! – No summer vacation for pertussis

- Send reminder and recall phone calls and notices NOW and repeatedly before school starts to patients who have not yet received a Tdap booster
 - including those who have received Td but not Tdap.
- Immunize with Tdap NOW & at every opportunity
 - e.g., sports physicals & visits for mild illness or injury
 - Give other recommended immunizations and care
- Order enough Tdap and other adolescent vaccines; ensure you have adequate refrigerator storage – for many clinics, multiple orders will be indicated

HEDIS: Adolescent Immunization

Adolescents who turn 13 during measurement year

Percent of fully immunized 13 year olds with 1 dose

- Tdap or Td
- Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine

Td or Tdap given???

on vaccines, remember to record dose in all appropriate

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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 CAPP. The forms are available from AAP-CA, CAPP, Local Health Departments, and EZIZ.org (Forms page for VFC providers).

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.

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.



More messages for providers

- Provide clear and accurate documentation about Tdap immunization to your patients and their schools.
- Be broadly aware of how local schools are processing Tdap documentation and prepare accordingly.
- Publicity: emails, newsletters, websites
 - Sample materials posted on ShotsForSchool.org .
- Prepare for the back-to-school rush for Tdap and documentation
 - Reduce by immunizing now, prepare for remainder

Competing visions for 1st day of school

“Got Tdap, ready for class.”

“What new Tdap law???”

