Pertussis Booster Shot (Tdap) Requirement - Open House

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School Tdap Law Updates
www.ShotsForSchool.org

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.
Updates for Schools

- http://www.shotsforschool.org/toolsforschools.html
Communications from CDE

- State Superintendent Torlakson
  - 2/11, 5/11 letters
  - 4/11 video

- Website linked to Shots for Schools
Tdap now!—No summer vacation for pertussis
Summer and fall are peak seasons

*Reported to CDPH by 4/13/2011
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Continue alerting parents and students:
• If you haven’t already, get your Tdap NOW
  ▪ Check in with your doctor
• Get a record of the Tdap booster from your doctor to share with school
• Bring your immunization record to school!
  ▪ Provide details for submitting record
Reaching Students and Families

• New peer-to-peer draft tweets and texts
• Post messages above and downloadable electronic banners on school’s
  ▪ Websites, emails and electronic newsletters
  ▪ Marquee or billboard
  ▪ 2011-2012 Calendar
  ▪ Report Cards and other notices
  ▪ Student newspapers, newsletters
  ▪ PTA, Community partners’ communications
Messages for Schools

- Collecting Tdap records as soon as possible.
  - Staffing and systems for collecting records
    - Before the end of school
    - During summer vacation
    - Leading up to first day of school
  - Clear instructions for parents about when and how to submit Tdap records
    - Paper, phone and electronic messages
Td or Tdap given???
Clear documentation

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.

For more information on the new Tdap requirement, visit www.ShotsForSchool.org.
School Software Systems

- Systems that can print an accurate, formatted Blue Card with Tdap information, including check off box if appropriate dose given
  - Aeries, Power School
Lead-up to 1st day of school

• Additional staffing needed?
• Continue record collection – modify systems as needed.
  ▪ Unreviewed records arrived during summer?
• Reduce the number of students arriving on first day without immunization or completed records through
  ▪ Incentives
  ▪ Ongoing communications
  ▪ Working with health departments to identify local immunizers and directing students to them
• Procedures on first day for students who haven’t met requirement?