

NEW Law - Whooping Cough/Pertussis Immunization Requirement for All Students for 2011/12 School Year

**PERTUSSIS BOOSTER NOW REQUIRED FOR 7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
NO SHOT, NO SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Huntington Beach Union High School District would like to notify you of a new immunization requirement for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2011-12 school year. Students entering these grade levels are now required to receive a booster shot against pertussis (also know as **Tdap**). Assembly Bill 354, now chaptered into California law, requires students to be immunized against pertussis.

Pertussis is widespread. If your child is 7 years or older and has not received the 'Tdap' pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department. Getting a booster shot now will protect your child against the ongoing threat of pertussis and meet a new school requirement.

**For the 2011-12 school year only, all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

**If your child has already received a Tdap booster, please bring proof to the health office. If your child has not received a booster shot, please obtain it as soon as possible. Proof must be submitted before the start of the school year or the student will not be allowed to attend. No vaccine, no school.**

Immunizations may be obtained from your health care provider or free of charge at the following location:

Orange County Health Care Agency – 1725 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Ana, CA. Phone (800) 914-4887, or (800) 564-8448.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your school administrator or school nurse.

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