

CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2012 REQUIRES IMMUNIZATION FOR 7TH GRADE ENTRY

Dear Parent of a Sixth Grader,

Check your child's immunization card to determine if a Tdap booster shot was given. If not, he/she should get one now. Please provide a copy of the child's updated immunization card to the **current school office** as soon as possible. This proof is required prior to starting seventh grade.

This requirement:

- Can be met by receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 7th birthday.
- Applies to all public and private schools.

A dose of DTaP or DTP given at age 7 years or older will also meet the requirement but is seldom given at these ages. Beginning 2012-13, the requirement will apply only to students entering 7th grade (or transferring into a California school during the 7th grade year).

Please direct questions to your child's physician or go to Orange County Health Care Agency's website at:

www.shotsforschool.org or www.ochealthinfo.com/pertussis.

- *If you DO have insurance - see your physician/healthcare provider.*
- *If you DO NOT have insurance - call the Health Care Agency for an appointment at (800) 564-8448.*

Pertussis, or whooping cough has been widespread in California during 2010. The California Department of Public Health recommends that all Californians 10 years and older receive a booster shot against pertussis (known as "Tdap").

Assembly Bill 354, a new California law, requires students to be immunized against pertussis.

