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Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Update

As you may already be aware of, Assembly Bill 354 was signed into law in September 2010. As a result, all students entering into 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades will need proof of immunization with a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine booster. The new requirement goes into effect July 1, 2011, and affects all San Dieguito Union High School students.

Please bring a copy of your student's immunization card or a note from your student's physician to the health tech at your student's current school. Students who **have not** met this requirement **will not** receive a class schedule to start the 2011-12 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact MaryAnne Dittman, the district's school nurse at (760) 753-6491 extension 5587.

What you may need to know

1. Please bring a copy of your student's immunization card or a note from your student's physician to the health tech at your student's current school.
2. Having had Whooping Cough (Pertussis) does not immunize you against it.
3. The vaccine is a "one shot" booster.
4. The new requirement is for **all** students entering grade 7 through 12 in California must have proof of receiving a dose of Tdap booster shot for the 2011-12 school year.
5. Students who have not met the requirement **will not** receive their class schedule for the 2011-12 school year.
6. A Td immunization does not meet the new Tdap requirement.
7. Check the date of your student's last DTap immunization—if your student was 7 years-old or older they will be considered as meeting the new requirement.
8. There is a separate immunization waiver for the Tdap requirement.
9. According to state and national recommendations, the dose of Tdap required to meet the requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 354 may be given at any time after the last tetanus shot.