

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Update

New School Shot Requirement!

Starting July 2011, a new law (AB 354) changing California immunization requirements for all students entering 7th-12th grades goes into effect. This law requires that this coming school year (2011-2012), **all students entering into 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades** will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot before starting school. Students will not be able to attend school unless they have received the whooping cough booster.

The County Health and Human Services Agency and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommend that parents should get their students immunized now to avoid any last-minute rush. For more information, see your health care provider and you can also visit the CDDPH immunization website at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>.