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**NEW STATE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION**

Dear Parents/Guardians of ALL 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Effective on July 1, 2011, for school year 2012/2013 and beyond, California State regulations require ALL California students in grade 7 to receive a booster shot against pertussis, or Tdap, (California Law – Assembly Bill 354) and be fully immunized for their age prior to entering school. This means any student entering in, enrolling in or advancing to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is required to receive a Tdap pertussis booster after the 7<sup>th</sup> birthday before beginning school in August 2012.

*Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, has recently become widespread in California. A **Tdap** pertussis booster shot is recommended for all students 10 years and older, although the Tdap booster given on or after the seventh birthday is required for school entry beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Getting the immunization now will protect your child against the ongoing threat of pertussis and ensure your child meets the new school requirements.*

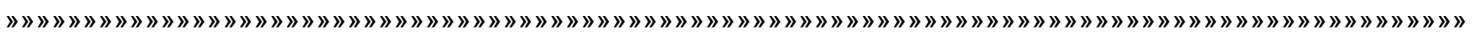
In preparation for your 6<sup>th</sup> grade student promoting to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, you must bring official documentation of the immunization to the school that your child attends. Exemptions for personal beliefs will be allowed but new Tdap exemptions must be signed, per the State of California Public Health Department Immunization Branch. Tdap exemptions for medical reasons must be obtained from your physician's office.

If you have any questions you can phone your child's school or for information about immunization clinics in your area, call San Bernardino Public Health Department at **1-800-722-4794**. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a yearly physical exam for children ten years of age and older. During the physical exam, your child's physician or health care provider can provide needed boosters for Tdap and other immunizations, as well as making sure your child is healthy and ready to learn. To see if your child qualifies for a free or low cost physical exam call 1-800-722-3777.

Thank you for your response to this important and required mandate!

Sincerely,

Charlene Dean, R.N., B.S.N.  
 Health Service Coordinator



The area below may be used for documentation by the **PHYSICIAN OR CLINIC**, if desired. Documentation on your student's official immunization record is preferred.

<b>Student Name (printed):</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<b>School:</b>		
<b>IMMUNIZATION</b>	<b>DOSE</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Tdap Booster	1			
Additional Immunizations (If needed, with name)				

Print name of physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of physician: \_\_\_\_\_

**If this form is being used as official documentation a signature is required from the attending physician.**



MARK B HORTON, MD, MSPH  
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State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
California Department of Public Health



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**EARLY ALERT TO SCHOOLS**  
**Assembly Bill 354 Becomes Law**  
**2011 Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization Requirements for Students**  
**September 30, 2010**

Whooping cough (pertussis) 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 (also known as “Tdap”<sup>1</sup>). Moreover, [Assembly Bill 354](#), now chaptered into California law, requires students to be immunized against pertussis<sup>2</sup>:

**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 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Applies to all public and private schools.
- Does not affect students enrolled in summer school.

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

Starting now, please use your school websites, newsletters, report card messages, and other communications to send the following information:

*Pertussis is widespread. If your child 10 years and older has not yet 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 that begins in the 2011-12 school year (California law - Assembly Bill 354).*

*Adults are also advised to get a pertussis booster shot, if they haven’t already, to protect themselves, their families, and their students.*

Updates on implementing this new law will be posted later in the 2010-2011 school year at [www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Pertussis.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Pertussis.aspx), which currently has general information about pertussis disease and immunization.

<sup>1</sup> “Tdap” = Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine.

<sup>2</sup> Exemptions permitted for verified medical conditions or personal beliefs.

# The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Immunization Clinics



**For appointment and schedule please call  
1-800-722-4777**

CITY	ADDRESS
Barstow	Barstow Public Health 303 E. Mountain View Avenue
Joshua Tree	Joshua Tree Public Health 63532 29 Palms Hwy, Suite D
Needles	Needles Public Health 1406 Bailey St., Suite D
Ontario	Ontario Public Health 1647 E. Holt Blvd
San Bernardino	PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 351 N. Mt. View, Room 102
Victorville/ Hesperia	Victor Valley Public Health 16453 Bear Valley Rd., Hesperia

Please bring your child's yellow immunization card or other immunization record, if you have one.



## California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program



Children eligible to receive VFC must be 18 years of age or younger and:

- eligible for Medi-Cal or CHDP; or
- have no health insurance; or
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

Children covered by Healthy Families are not eligible for the VFC program at this time.

There is an administration fee of \$10.00, per shot or oral dose, based on ability to pay. **No child is turned away if they cannot pay.** Parent or other responsible adult needs to bring shot records, identification, and child's Medi-Cal card (if you have one).

If you have health insurance or a regular health care provider, please contact them for immunization services.


**El Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de San Bernardino**

  
**les ofrece las siguientes clínicas para vacunas**

**Para hacer una cita o saber los horarios por favor llame al:**  
**1-800-722-4777**

CIUDAD	SITIO/DOMICILIO
<b>Barstow</b>	<b>Salud Publica de Barstow</b> 303 E. Mountain View Avenue
<b>Joshua Tree</b>	<b>Salud Publica de Joshua Tree</b> 63532 29 Palms Hwy, Suite D
<b>Needles</b>	<b>Salud Publica de Needles</b> 1406 Bailey St., Suite D
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>Salud Publica de Ontario</b> 1647 E. Holt Blvd.
<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>Departamento de Salud Publica</b> 351 N. Mt. View, Room 102
<b>Victorville/ Hesperia</b>	<b>Salud Publica de Victor Valley</b> 16453 Bear Valley Rd., Hesperia

**Favor de traer la tarjeta amarilla de vacunas de su hijo/a u otra información que tenga de vacunas.**



**Programa de California Vacunas Para Niños (VFC)**

Niños elegibles para recibir VFC tienen que ser menores de 18 años y:

- Ser elegibles para el Medi-Cal o CHDP; ó
- No tienen aseguranza medica; ó
- Ser Indio Americano o Nativo Americano

Niños con la cobertura de Healthy Families no son elegibles para el programa en este momento.

El costo es \$10.00 por niño por cada visita. **Nadie será rechazado por falta de dinero.** Padre/Guardián legal por favor presentar la tarjeta de vacunas, prueba de paternidad ó custodia y tarjeta de Medi-Cal (sí es que la tiene). Para más información favor de llamar al **1-800-722-4777.**

Si tiene aseguranza medica o un proveedor de salud regular por favor comuníquese con ellos para servicios de vacunas.



**Water of Life Community Outreach  
Well of Healing • Mobile Medical Clinic**

# **Free Health Care, Free Toys, & Free Food Everyone is Welcome**

**1st Saturday of every month – Fontana – 9<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>**

**Water of Life Community Church**

7625 East Ave. Fontana, Ca. 92336

Free Immunizations and Well Checks for Children  
Parent Education and Resources Available

**2nd Saturday of every month – Ontario – 9<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>**

**Hope Chapel**

119 Belmont Ave. Ontario, Ca. 91761

Children and Their Families

Free Immunizations and Well Checks Available

**3rd Saturday of every month – San Bernardino – 9<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>**

**1st Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino**

1900 D. Street San Bernardino, Ca. 92405

Adult Health Care and Children & Family Education Available

**4th Saturday of every month – Fontana – 9<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>**

**Mountain View Community Church**

8833 Palmetto Ave. Fontana, Ca. 92336

Adult Health Care and Children & Family Education Available

Free Immunizations and Well Checks Available



**For more information call (909) 463-0103 Ext. 808**