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MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

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”).

ASSEMBLY BILL 354, NOW CHAPTERED INTO CALIFORNIA LAW, REQUIRES STUDENTS TO BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST PERTUSSIS.

PERTUSSIS IS WIDESPREAD

IF YOUR CHILD IS 10 YEARS AND OLDER AND 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, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

PERTUSSIS BOOSTER SHOT REQUIREMENT BEGINS 7/01/11
ALL STUDENTS ENTERING 7th THROUGH 12th GRADES WILL
NEED PROOF OF PERTUSSIS BOOSTER SHOT BEFORE
STARTING SCHOOL