



## Ready For 7<sup>th</sup> Grade?

You'll need proof of a whooping cough shot  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Whooping cough (pertussis) has been widespread in California. Many students have had to miss school because they were sick. To help protect your children and others from whooping cough, California law requires students to be vaccinated against whooping cough.

**For the 2019-2020 school year, ALL students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school.**

**By law, students who do not have proof of receiving a Tdap booster shot will not be able to start school** until proof is provided to the school. (The tetanus-diphtheria booster shot, Td, will not meet the requirement.) We want to make sure your child starts school on time. I urge you to:

**1. Get your child's Tdap shot now if your child hasn't received it already.**

Make an appointment with your child's doctor or clinic for your child to get a Tdap booster shot now. Avoid the back-to-school rush.

**2. Save your proof of immunization & Provide proof to your child's school.**

Be sure to keep the written proof of your child's Tdap booster shot in a safe place. Provide proof of the dTap shot by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to the school office. Your child will need to provide proof of immunization in order to start school.

Getting the adolescent whooping cough shot now will not only help protect your child against the ongoing threat of whooping cough but will also meet the new school requirement.