

## Vaccine Tips

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## **REMINDER: New Pertussis Vaccine Booster Law (AB 354)**

All students entering or transferring into 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades need a pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) before starting the 2011-2012 school year.



A dose of Tdap given on or after a child's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday will meet the school requirement.

Adolescents who have received only a Td booster will not meet the requirement.

Pertussis-containing vaccines have a "p" in their name, such as Tdap (for preteens and adults) and DTaP (for infants and young children).

Providers must provide documentation to the patient indicating vaccination specifically with Tdap vaccine for school entry.



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