

Tdap Guidelines

Does your child need the Tdap vaccine?

What is the new Tdap requirement for 7th - 12th graders?

Starting July 2011, a new law (AB 354) changing California immunization requirements for all students entering 7th-12th grades goes into effect. The law requires:

- This coming school year (2011-2012), all students entering into 7th- 12th grades will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (called “Tdap”) before starting school.

Why was the Tdap requirement added?

- This new requirement will help protect your child and others in your school and community from whooping cough. Whooping cough is a serious disease that causes coughing fits that can last for months. It can be deadly for infants. In recent years, whooping cough has been increasing in the United States. In 2010, whooping cough was widespread in California.

A step-by-step guide for parents/guardians to determine if their child needs the Tdap vaccine:

1. Locate your child’s yellow immunization record. If unable to locate record call the physician’s office where immunizations were given to verify his/her immunization status.
2. Look at immunization record and locate either Tdap/Adacel/Boostrix/DtaP/DTP. If any of these immunizations were given on or after the 7th birthday the immunization requirement has been met. Please bring your child’s immunization card to the health office at your child’s school for proper documentation.
3. If your child has not received the immunization it is mandatory he/she receives the immunization before the start of the Fall 2011 school year. Any child entering 7th -12th grade that has not been immunized WILL NOT be allowed to attend school until proof of immunization is submitted.
4. Call your child’s doctor ASAP to schedule a visit to receive immunization.
5. If your child doesn’t have a doctor you can contact:

Orange County Health Department:
(714) 834-8444 1725 West 17th St. Santa Ana, 92701 (No Cost)

CVS Minute Clinic:
19121 Beach Blvd Huntington Beach, 92648 (\$92.00)

MemorialCare HealthExpress:
Inside ALBERTSONS 7201 Yorktown Ave Huntington Beach 92648 (\$59.00)

Memorial Prompt Care:
18561 Beach Blvd. Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (\$75)

Hoag Walk-In Clinic:
18255 Brookhurst St # 100, Fountain Valley (\$79)

6. Once your child receives the proper immunization please bring proof to the school health office.