

**Mendocino County Health and  
Human Services Agency  
Community Health Services  
Immunization Assistance Program**

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**Mendocino County HHSA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES  
Pertussis Public Service Announcement**

***7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Need 'Tdap' Booster for New State Law Requirement***

Dr. Craig McMillan, Mendocino County Health Officer and the Mendocino County HHSA Community Health Services Immunization Assistance Program are ready to assist parents to be in compliance with the new California State Law pertussis (“whooping cough”) booster requirement for school entry.

Notice to Parents: All public and private school students entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades MUST provide proof of a “whooping cough” Tdap booster shot on or after their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to start classes this school year. You can check the immunization card yourself: look for “Tdap” and the date your child received the vaccination. If your child was at least 7 years of age when they had their last Tdap, they don’t need another one at this time. However, your child’s immunization record MUST be brought to the school as proof of compliance with this new Tdap requirement. It is important that you bring your child’s immunization record (Yellow Immunization Card) to your health care provider or drop-in clinic if your child still needs a Tdap booster.

Parents should make an appointment with their child’s health care provider as soon as possible to get the Tdap booster. Physicians participating in California’s Vaccines for Children’s (VFC) Program provide low-cost Tdap shots to eligible patients. For those who don’t have a health care provider, other options are available. Many pharmacies provide Tdap boosters. Mendocino County HHSA Community Health Services will be providing Drop-in Tdap clinics only, for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**DROP-IN Tdap CLINICS at HHSA Community Health Services**

Only for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

No other vaccinations will be available

There is a \$15 administration fee.

[No one will be denied the Tdap due to inability to pay]

**Must have Immunization Record with you**

**FORT BRAGG: 120 W. Fir St.**

Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011: 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00

Thursday Aug. 11, 2011: 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 2:00

**WILLITS: 221 S. Lenore St.:**

Wednesday Aug. 17, 2011 10:00 to 3:00

Tuesday Aug. 23, 2011 10:00 to 3:00

**UKIAH: 1120 S. Dora St.:**

Tuesday Aug. 16, 2011 9:00 to 5:00

Thursday Aug. 18, 2011 9:00 to 5:00

Monday Aug. 22, 2011 9:00 to 5:00

“Having the first series of shots before kindergarten is not enough to stay protected throughout the school years,” explained California Department of Public Health’s Dr. Ron Chapman. “All middle and high school students need to get a booster shot now to protect themselves and their families during the traditional peak seasons of summer and fall. While the booster vaccine helps guard individuals, it will also decrease the spread of what has proven to be a deadly disease.”

“Whooping cough remains an ongoing threat to Californians with a high number of cases already reported this year,” said Dr. Chapman. More than 9,000 cases of whooping cough were reported to CDPH in 2010 - the most since 1947 - including 10 infant deaths. So far this year, more than 1,900 cases of pertussis have been reported in California. The majority of cases occur between May and November.