

# New

## 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### REQUIRED Vaccine for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders 2011-2012 School Year

REQUIRED VACCINE	WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD
<b>Tdap</b>	<p>For the 2011-2012 school year only, children entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of a Tdap shot before starting school. For the 2012-2013 and beyond, only students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of the Tdap shot.</p> <p>Tdap safely protects against three dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (also known as pertussis). Whooping cough has been increasing in the U.S. and it continues to be widespread in California.</p>

Children should visit their doctor or health care provider to get the vaccination. Children 18 years old and younger who are uninsured may qualify for the Vaccines for Children Program to get free or low cost immunization services. To find a provider near you, call 1-866-358-2966 or visit [www.eziz.org/pages/vfc\\_locations2.html](http://www.eziz.org/pages/vfc_locations2.html). Some local pharmacies and Health Departments may also offer vaccines.

If your middle or high school student has already met this vaccine requirement (has had the Tdap booster at 10 years of age or older), please provide the school Health Office with a copy of your child's yellow immunization card or other written proof of immunization.