



*"Where Kids
Come First!"*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Whooping cough (pertussis) has been widespread in California. To help protect your children and others from whooping cough, a new California law requires students to be vaccinated against whooping cough.

For the 2011-2012 school year only, all students entering 7th through 12th grades will need proof of having received one dose of Tdap vaccine (adolescent whooping cough booster shot) on or after the 7th birthday before starting school. (A vaccine containing pertussis will meet this requirement, example: DTaP, DTP, Tdap, etc.)

BY LAW, STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES WHO DO NOT HAVE PROOF OF RECEIVING A Tdap BOOSTER SHALL NOT START SCHOOL UNTIL PROOF IS PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL.

We want to make sure your child starts school on-time, we urge you to:

1. Review the flyer on the District website @ www.elkhills.k12.ca.us
2. Get your child's Tdap shot "now"!
3. Save your proof of immunization. Be sure to keep the written proof of your child's Tdap, copy it & bring it to the school office on or before school begins on August 22, 2011.
4. The law allows an exemption for *physician verified medical conditions* or a signed statement of personal beliefs.

Getting the adolescent whooping cough shot now will not only protect your child against the on-going threat of whooping cough, but will also meet the new school requirements.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school office during business hours.

Sincerely,

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