



East Nicolaus Joint Union High School District

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Dr. Matthew T. Roberts, Superintendent-Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you may be aware, there is currently a Pertussis (whooping cough) epidemic in California. According to the California Department of Public Health, "It is the worst pertussis epidemic in more than 50 years." To help protect your children and others from whooping cough, a new California law (AB 354) now requires students to be vaccinated against whooping cough.

For the 2011-12 school year only, all students entering 7th through 12th grades will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school.

Thereafter, in future school years, only students entering 7th grade will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school.

By law, students who do not have proof of receiving a Tdap booster shot will not be able to start school in the fall until proof is provided to the school. (The tetanus-diphtheria booster shot, Td, will not meet the requirement.)

Attached you will find a flyer with more information about the Tdap vaccine and this immunization requirement.

We want to make sure your child starts school on time. I urge you to:

- 1. Review the attached flyer.**
- 2. Get your child's Tdap shot now.**
A large number of students need a Tdap shot between now and the start of the 2011-2012 school year. Make an appointment with your child's doctor or clinic for your child to get a Tdap booster shot now. Avoid the back-to-school rush.
- 3. Save your proof of immunization.**
Be sure to keep the written proof of your child's Tdap booster shot in a safe place. Your child will need to provide proof of immunization in order to start school in the fall. Give a copy of the booster shot to East Nicolaus High School.

Getting the adolescent whooping cough shot now will not only help protect your child against the ongoing threat of whooping cough but will also meet the new school requirement.

If you have any questions please contact Fran Swart at East Nicolaus High School 530-656-2255 ext. 101.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew T. Roberts
Superintendent-Principal