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Health Advisory

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Pertussis Update

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Please distribute to all providers in your practice

Current Situation

On September 29, 2010, *Assembly Bill 354*, a new law changing California immunization requirements for students entering 7th-12th grades in public and private schools, was passed. The law requires:

- **For the 2011-2012 school year, all students entering 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades must provide proof of an adolescent whooping cough vaccine ("Tdap") before starting school.**

This requirement:

- Begins July 1, 2011
 - Will be met by proof of receiving **one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 10th birthday**
 - Applies to all public and private schools
 - Does not affect students enrolled in summer school
- For the following school year (2012-13) and subsequent school years, all students entering 7th grade will need proof of a "Tdap" vaccine to start school.

Updates

- Please take every opportunity to review the immunization status of your patients 10 years of age and older, and ensure that they are up to date with Tdap and ready for school entry in 2011.
- Well child visits, sports physicals, and acute care visits, including emergency room visits, are all opportunities to update Tdap immunization.

Guidelines

- **CDPH guidelines for clinicians regarding new requirement:**
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/EarlyAlertToProviders-AB354.pdf>
- In response to on-going high levels of disease and death from pertussis in California during 2010, CDPH continues to recommend heightened efforts to immunize against pertussis, particularly for those in contact with infants.
CDPH Pertussis Immunization Policy July 2010:
<http://eziz.org/PDF/CDPH%20Pertussis%20Immunization%20Policy%20July%202010.pdf>

Resources and Educational Materials

- **CDPH information for parents**, to inform them of the new requirement:
 - (English) http://www.eziz.org/PDF/ab_354_faq_for_parents_11_05_2010.pdf
 - (Spanish) http://www.eziz.org/PDF/lo_que_los_padres_necesitan_saber.pdf
- Click on the following link to access educational materials for both providers and the public:
http://eziz.org/resources/materials_pertussis.html
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH): <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Pertussis.aspx>
- City of Berkeley Public Health Division: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/publichealth>
- **VACCINE:** Pertussis vaccine for those without health insurance is available at the City of Berkeley Public Health Clinic located at 830 University Avenue. Call (510) 981-5350 for clinic hours. There is a \$17 administration fee, but no one will be denied service due to inability to pay.
- **REPORTING:** City of Berkeley Public Health Division: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=13896>