



## New Requirement for School!

California's Governor has signed Assembly Bill 354 into law, with the following requirements:

For the 2011-2012 school year only, all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will need proof of a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis) booster shot before starting school.  
This requirement:

- begins July 1, 2011
- can be met by having your child receive one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after his/her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- applies to all public and private schools.

Beginning July 2, 2012, and beyond, this requirement will apply only to 7<sup>th</sup> graders - all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of a Tdap booster shot after the age of 10 before starting the school.

If your child 10 years and older has not yet received a "Tdap" pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department. Getting a booster shot now will protect your child against the ongoing threat of pertussis and meet a new school requirement that begins in the 2011-12 school year (California law-Assembly Bill 354)

**School staff must exclude from attending classes (entering the class setting) any students in 7th-12th grades during the 2011-2012 School Year who do not have:**

- **proof of receiving a Tdap booster shot on or after the 7th birthday, or**
- **documentation of an exemption to the law (see below).**

There are no extensions or grace periods allowed. This includes students who transfer into 7th-12th grades in California any time during the school year. Once the student has had the Tdap shot, the student may enter school immediately. Do not wait until this summer to immunize as supplies may be low and costs increased.

If you elect not to have your student receive the vaccine, you will need to go to your child's school to sign an **exemption waiver**. The waiver will not be sent home and is not available on the web site.

Pertussis is highly contagious and is spread by inhalation of respiratory droplets or aerosols. A high level of community immunity is needed to reduce the incidence of pertussis, but immunity from immunization or disease wanes over time. Most children vaccinated for pertussis before kindergarten are susceptible again by early adolescence. Tdap immunization rates in adolescents and adults are currently low.

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## Where can children get vaccinated?

Children should visit their regular doctor or health care provider to get their Tdap shot and other immunizations as soon as possible to avoid the back-to-school rush.

If your child/student is eligible for Medi-Cal, or uninsured or underinsured, the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) offers free or low cost vaccines for eligible patients 18 years and younger.

Parents can find a list of federally qualified health centers in their area that offer Vaccines for Uninsured Children (VFC) with the clinics near you at:  
<http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/RHPC/Clinics/FQHCS.html>.

Some local **health departments** and **pharmacies** may also offer the Tdap vaccine and other immunizations. For more information, please contact your local health department.

### Physicians:

Call your family doctor for appointment and current cost

#### Eureka Pediatrics

\$ 52.00 Private insurance.

\$9.00 for uninsured under VFC (Vaccines for Children) program (see below)

#### Fortuna Pediatrics

\$ 58.00 Private insurance.

\$10.00 for uninsured under VFC (Vaccines for Children) program (see below)

### Drug Stores giving Tdap Vaccine

Some will attempt to bill insurance or Medi-Cal (Prices subject to change)

<b>Cloneys</b>	\$ 51.00 by appt	443-1614	
<b>Lima's</b>	\$ 50.00 call first	441-8500 Eureka	839-8500 McKinleyville
<b>Costco</b>	\$ 50.72 by appt.	441-0900	
<b>Rite Aid</b>	\$ 46.99 Eureka	443-8039	839-0140 McKinleyville
	\$ 45.00 Fortuna	715-9314	
<b>Walgreens</b>	\$ 69.99 Eureka	441-1900 or 444-0521	
	\$ 72.00 Fortuna	726-0381	
<b>Target</b>	\$ 60.00 Eureka	442-0549	

### Health Centers

Low cost vaccines for uninsured and underinsured, (by appointment only).  
Will take new patients, but need to see a physician to get in their system.

**Health Department** Clinic Services: 529 I Street, Eureka

**\$17.00** By appointment only ph. 268-2108

## **Open Door Community Health Centers**

Cost \$53.00 (private pay)

May qualify for lower cost (\$ 10.00) if uninsured and underinsured under the **VFC program**.

670 Ninth St., Suite 203 : Arcata CA 95521

Phone: 826-8633 Fax: 826-8638

### **Eureka Community Health Center**

2412 Buhne Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Phone: 707.441.1624  
Fax: 707.441.1253

### **NorthCountry Clinic**

785 18th Street  
Arcata, CA 95521  
Phone: 707.822.2481  
Fax: 707.822.3656

### **McKinleyville Community Health Center**

1644 Central Avenue, Suite F  
McKinleyville, CA 95519  
Phone: 707.839.3068  
Fax: 707.839.3827

### **Willow Creek Community Health Center**

Hwy 299 #38883 or PO Box 726,  
Willow Creek, Ca 95573  
Phone number: 530-629-3111  
Fax number: 530-629-3122

### **Del Norte Community Health Center**

550 E Washington St  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
Phone: 707.465.6925  
Fax: 707.465.6070

### **Humboldt Open Door Clinic**

770 Tenth Street  
Arcata, CA 95521  
Phone: 707.826.8610  
Fax: 707.826.8623

### **NorthCountry Prenatal Services**

3800 Janes Road, Suite 101  
Arcata, CA 95521  
Phone: 707.822-1385  
Fax: 707.825.8203

### **McKinleyville Pediatrics Community Health Center**

1644 Central Avenue, Suite A  
McKinleyville, CA 95519  
Phone: 707.839.2677