



Whooping Cough (Tdap) Shot

Dear Superintendent, Principal or School Leader:

As you know, California law (AB 354) effective in three weeks on Friday, July 1st, requires all students to receive the whooping cough (Tdap) vaccination before entering 7th through 12th grades this coming school year.

Rite Aid would like to help you, to make sure your parents, teachers, and entire student body are aware of this requirement – and how easy it is to stop in to any Rite Aid to get the required shot and a free Thrifty ice cream cone.*

Please email or call**us with your desired quantity and we'll send you FREE EDUCATIONAL FLYERS you may post throughout your buildings (hallways, gymnasium, health classrooms, bathrooms, counseling office, nurse's office, staff break rooms, etc.) as well as email and mail them home right now. You could even include them with the final report card.

The Tdap vaccination is required for upcoming 7th - 12th graders, but it is also recommended for all individuals age 10 and older whom have not been previously vaccinated and all 7 to 9 year olds without documentation of a primary series. Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreaks in California have been the worst in over 65 years and have resulted in 10 infant deaths in CA alone last year. At Rite Aid we are committed to providing our immunization services to ensure the protection of your student body against the threat of pertussis and be ready for school entry in the fall. We also encourage the entire family – parents, siblings, grandparents – and educators to protect the young ones we care about by getting vaccinated right now.

Your employees, parents, and students do not need to make an appointment; all Rite Aid locations throughout California staff Certified Immunizing Pharmacists who can administer the Tdap vaccine to everyone in the family 7 years of age and older if needed. Just like the doctor's office, Rite Aid accepts many insurance plans, and also offers the competitive cash price of \$57.99 for your families who may be uninsured or under-insured.

Rite Aid makes it easy for your parents to submit proof of vaccination to your school:

- Rite Aid issues an immunization record card for the parent's wallet or student's backpack
- Rite Aid participates in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) by updating the online registry that many schools can access
- Rite Aid pharmacists can sign any documentation required and provided by the school district including what is sometimes referred to as the "yellow card"

Please contact us NOW at 916-852-1883 or hhierling@riteaid.com to get your free flyers and ensure your entire school is protected against the threat of pertussis.

Wishing you, your staff and students a happy summer and healthy start to the school year.

Your Local Rite Aid Pharmacist

** Vaccine supplies are limited. Certain limitations may apply. Offer good only while supplies last or 8/27/11, whichever comes first.*

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Get a **FREE** Thrifty ice cream cone
with every vaccine.* **Sweet!**

