



MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL REQUIREMENT for incoming 7th GRADERS for FALL SEMESTER 2012

This notification is being sent out to the families of Morgan Hill Unified School District in order to comply with Assembly Bill 354, now chaptered into Calif. law. All incoming 7th graders must be vaccinated against pertussis (whooping cough) **by the first day of school.** Seventh graders will be required to show proof of a "Tdap" booster shot before starting school this Fall semester, 2012.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends that all California parents who currently have students in 6th grade get their kids vaccinated well before the first day of school, Fall 2012. **There will be no grace period and the regulation will be strictly enforced.** Please be aware that the protection from childhood immunizations of pertussis wears off, and adolescents may be at risk of catching and spreading whooping cough without a Tdap booster. This requirement can be met by receiving a one dose booster on or after the 10th birthday. After your child receives their Tdap vaccine, bring your child's immunization record to the school office as proof they have received the vaccine.

To obtain a whooping cough/pertussis vaccination for your child, please see your regular health care provider. If your child does not have a regular medical provider, immunizations may be obtained at the Public Health Department.

To learn more about the new immunization law, please visit the CA. Dept. of Public Health website.