

7th – 12th Grade New Immunization Requirement

The State of California has passed a new law (AB 354) requiring students to have a current Tdap booster. If your student is entering the 7th-12th grade you must provide proof of the Tdap booster and it must have been given after the students 7th birthday. Students who do not have the current Tdap booster will **NOT BE ABLE TO START THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR AT INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL.**

WHAT TO DO: Check in with your medical care provider and obtain proof of the Tdap booster. If your student has not had the booster they must get this shot. Do this ASAP, obtain proof of the booster, bring the record to school and deposit it at the front desk in the green Tdap container. If the school does not have proof of this shot before the start of the 2011-2012 year, your student will be **EXCLUDED** until proof is provided. **NO SHOT, NO SCHOOL!**

Tdap(Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) safely protects against dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (also called pertussis). Whooping cough has been increasing in the United States. It continues to be widespread in California.