

# 2011 Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization Requirements for Students

- For the 2011-12 school year, all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.

If your child 10 years and older has not yet received the Tdap pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department. Getting a booster shot will now 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).

## PERSONAL BELIEFS AFFIDAVIT TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN – IMMUNIZATION

I hereby request exemption of the child, named below, from the Tdap immunization requirement for school entry because it is contrary to my beliefs. I understand that in case of an outbreak of the pertussis disease, the child may be temporarily excluded from attending for his/her protection.

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_