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Whooping Cough Vaccine Clinics Available to Meet New School Requirements

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Health Department is providing extra vaccine clinics through August to help youth, grades 7-12, meet new whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine requirements for entry into school this fall. Under state law, beginning July 1, 2011, all students entering 7th through 12th grades, in both public and private schools, will be required to show proof of a Tdap booster shot (Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine) before starting school.

“This new immunization requirement is intended to reduce the spread of whooping cough in California, which in 2010, had the largest outbreak of pertussis in 50 years,” said Dr. Christian Sandrock, Yolo County Health Officer. “Many children have not received Tdap yet, and will need a dose before starting the school year. Avoid the rush and make sure your children can start school on time.”

The Yolo County Health Department encourages parents to make an appointment for their children with their healthcare provider or attend one of the below clinics to receive the vaccine before school starts. Yolo County Health Department clinics are as follows:

Woodland clinics are held at the Yolo County Health Department, located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland

Wednesdays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
August 8, 10 and 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

West Sacramento clinics are held at the Yolo County Health Department, located at 500-B Jefferson Blvd in West Sacramento

July 21, August 4 and 18, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
August 22, 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
August 24, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information visit: www.yolohealth.org or call (530) 666-8645 or (916) 375-6380 in West Sacramento.

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