



SB 614: Optional Grace Period for Tdap (Pertussis) Vaccination Requirement

Under the new state law, SB 614, schools have the option of allowing students in the 7th through 12th grades to conditionally attend classes for up to **30 calendar days** after their first day of the 2011-2012 school year before meeting their requirement for a whooping cough booster (Tdap).

This option for conditional attendance will assist those schools that need additional time to gather records on their students. To exercise this option, the County Office of Education or School District must work with the student's parent or guardian so that the student receives the Tdap booster.

Parents are urged to take their children to their family doctor for the vaccine or if they do not have insurance, they can go to any one of Riverside County's 10 Public Health Family Care Centers. For extended Tdap clinic hours visit Riverside County Department of Public Health's website at www.rivcoph.org/pertussis for clinic dates, times and locations.

For the latest information and resources, go to www.ShotsforSchool.org. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Riverside County Department of Public Health Immunization Program at (888) 246-1215.