

PERTUSSIS UPDATE

We are seeing cases of Pertussis in the North County. Many of these cases are physician diagnosed without a formal test.

Per the CDC and the San Diego County Health Department: If your physician states that they think your child has Pertussis, the child must complete the 5 day antibiotic before returning to school. The child may return to school on the 6th day, even if they are still coughing.

For the 2011-12 school year only, all students entering 7th through 12th grades will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school. This requirement:

- Begins July 1, 2011.
- Can be met by receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 10th birthday.
- Applies to all public and private schools.
- Does not affect students enrolled in summer school.

Beginning July 1, 2012, and beyond, all students entering the 7th grade will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlsbad Unified District Nurse, Julia Hart-Lawson RN @ 760/331.5939.