

## Pertussis (Whooping) Cough Web page info and site newsletter

To help protect your children and others from whooping cough, a new California law now requires students to be vaccinated against whooping cough.

**For the 2011-2012 school year only, all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades** will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school.

**Thereafter, in future school years, only students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade** will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school.

By law, students who do not have proof of receiving a Tdap booster shot will not be able to start school until proof is provided to the school. Please note, the tetanus-diphtheria booster shot (Td) will not meet the requirement.

If you have any questions regarding the Tdap booster shot requirement, please do not hesitate to contact the health technician or nurse at your child's school or you may call the Hemet Unified Health Services Department at (951) 765-5100 extension 4101.