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AB354 Tdap Law Implementation UPDATE

Thousands of students still need their Tdap shot to be in compliance with the AB354 law for school entry this fall. **ARE YOUR PATIENTS AMONG THEM?**

Lessons Learned: An exit interview with 128 of the 465 students vaccinated at our March 19th public Tdap clinic found that 40% of respondents reported having visited their regular doctor within the last 6 months and had <u>NOT</u> received a Tdap shot. We also found that 10% of those showing up at the clinic had already been vaccinated, but apparently did not realize it. *

What's going on?

PROBLEM - MISSED OPPORTUNITY: an 11 to 17 year old patient comes in for another reason and leaves without receiving the Tdap shot.

- SOLUTION systemize the "flagging" of all adolescent office visits with reminder for Tdap
- SOLUTION post staff reminders everywhere in office so no tween or teen leaves w/o Tdap
- SOLUTION post parent reminders in waiting room so everyone is working toward same end

PROBLEM - COMMUNICATION: parents do not realize that their child has received the required school entry Tdap shot

- **SOLUTION** Clearly state to parent AND patient that they have received their Tdap shot, also known as the pertussis shot or whooping cough shot.
- **SOLUTION** Clearly state that the child needs to bring proof of THIS SHOT for school entry (most schools are trying to collect this before the end of this school year)
- **SOLUTION** Give the parent the printed documentation of the vaccination and reiterate why it is important and what to do with it

Please go to <u>http://www.shotsforschool.org/providerinfo.html</u> for additional suggestions *All vaccinations administered on 3/19 have been entered into the CA Immunization Registry – CAIR

SFDPH will hold a second Tdap clinic on May 14th at John O'Connell High School. For more information visit www.sfcdcp.org/tdapclinics.

SFDPH is planning a participatory Provider Forum on June 1st to discuss best practices. Details soon.

Please call us at 415-554-2830 with any questions about this new law or its implementation or even if you need a little assistance on implementing some of the above suggestions.

