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New California Tdap Law Vaccinate your Adolescent Patients with Tdap NOW

**NOW** is the time to immunize all of your adolescent patients age 10 and over with Tdap. Children entering grades 7 - 12 in the fall of 2011 must show proof of a Tdap shot in order to begin school on time (AB 354).

An estimated 25,000 students in SF must be immunized with Tdap before the start of school. Avoid the last minute rush, start bringing these patients in now for their shot.

Try these suggestions:

- Use your reminder/recall system
- Send an automated phone message to parents of teens (script available in English and Spanish at http://www.shotsforschool.org/providerinfo.html)
- Include a reminder to come in for a Tdap shot as part of your office's outgoing phone message
- Immunize your patients with Tdap at every opportunity, i.e. when a school-aged patient comes in with a sprain or acne appointment
- Double check your vaccine supply; ensure that your office is appropriately stocked with Tdap and other adolescent vaccines (Meningococcal, Varicella dose 2, HPV, and Influenza).

## Save the Date: Tdap law implementation webinar for health care providers; 1 hour CME credit: February 15, 2011, 12:00-1:00 PM. http://www.shotsforschool.org/providerinfo.html

Document your Tdap immunization clearly on the forms that your patients will share with school staff. Remind parents that they will be required to show proof to the school. To order yellow cards, visit <a href="http://sfcdcp.org/materials\_request.html">http://sfcdcp.org/materials\_request.html</a>.

Most schools are able to print a student's school immunization record ("blue card") with proof of the Tdap shot directly from The California Immunization Registry (CAIR). We strongly encourage you to join CAIR to help meet this new Tdap shot law. Contact the CAIR Help Desk at 800-578-7889 or http://cairweb.org.

Updated FAQs for providers have been posted at <u>http://www.shotsforschool.org/faq.html</u>. Please call us at 415-554-2830 with any questions about this new law or its implementation.

