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Dear Parents,

Due to the significant increase in the number of children diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough), Assembly Bill 354 (AB 354) passed a new Tdap immunization law. As of the 2011/12 school year, all incoming 7th – 12th grade students must have proof of a valid Tdap vaccine when registering for school. AB 354 states that no student may start school without this documentation.

As of January 2014, new legal requirements were introduced for individuals seeking Personal Beliefs Exemptions (PBE). If you choose to waive the Tdap immunization for personal beliefs, AB 2109 now requires parent to submit the new *Personal Beliefs Exemption Form* (CDPH 8262). This form requires parent information and a signature from an authorized California licensed health care practitioner.

Should you waive the immunization due to medical reasons, the District requires a physician signed letter stating the reason for a medical exemption. Exemption forms and/or a physician's notes follow the same timeline, and need to be submitted on or before your child's registration date. If your child was given the Tdap booster on or after his/her 7th birthday, this requirement has been met; however the District still requires documentation to be submitted.

The State of California mandates compliance with all vaccination requirements for grades K-12 . With the exception of the Tdap shot, compliance is required within 10 days of the first day of school. (Proof of Tdap must be submitted *before* 1st day of school). To ensure 100% compliance, each student entering or returning to the Coronado Unified School District, should bring immunizations records to registration.

Written proof of any immunization, including the Tdap booster, maybe submitted prior to school registration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting your child's school Health Care Office.

Sincerely,

Richard Erhard
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Encl: Tdap Registration Form

HEALTH MANDATE FOR 2014 -2015 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and acellular Pertussis Vaccine)

Effective July 1, 2011, all 7th - 12th grade students are required by law, to have Tdap booster shot in order to attend school .

To meet requirement, student must have received this shot on or after his/her 7th birthday. A Tetanus/Diphtheria (TD) does NOT fulfill this requirement.

Students will not be allowed to start school until documented proof submitted.

Proof must include:

- 1.) Clinic Signature/Stamp
- 2.) Date Given
- 3.) Exact Name of Immunization.

If parent/guardian chooses to waive the Tdap immunization for personal or medical reasons, student will be excluded from school during each pertussis outbreak or exposure.

Parent/guardian must have the **new Personal Beliefs Waiver** signed by an authorized healthcare provider listed on the form.

Student can receive vaccination from primary care physician, public health clinic or a participating local pharmacy; many of which accept certain medical insurance plans. Contact your school's Health Office with any questions.

Bring this form to registration with proof of immunization

STUDENT NAME _____

DATE TDAP GIVEN _____