

Tdap (Pertussis Booster) Requirement Sticker (PM 286 S)

Guide for School Staff

Tdap stickers are to be completed by school staff, not by students or their parents.

The Tdap sticker, when affixed to the student's California School Immunization Record (PM 286, aka the 'Blue Card'), documents Tdap vaccine in the student's permanent record as required by California law (Health and Safety Code §120325 - 120375).

1. Review the student's immunization record for the Tdap requirement.

One dose of a pertussis-containing vaccine on or after the 7th birthday is required for all students entering 7th grade in the new school year.

Does the vaccine abbreviation or trade name on the student's record meet the Tdap requirement?

	Vaccine	Meets Tdap Requirement?
✓	Tdap Adacel® Boostrix® DTaP or DTP } <i>Given on or after the 7th birthday</i>	YES <i>meets the requirement.</i>
✗	Td DECAVAC® TENIVAC® DT DTaP or DTP given before the 7th birthday (usual age limit) History of pertussis disease Results of blood tests for immunity to pertussis	NO <i>does not meet requirement.</i>

If it is unclear which vaccine the student has received, request clarifying information before proceeding.

2. Affix the Tdap Sticker.

Apply the sticker to a front upper corner of the Blue Card where it will not obstruct vital information.

Blue Cards printed by the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) since December 2010 often do not need a Tdap sticker. CAIR is programmed to print the Tdap information on the upper left front corner. The person assessing the student's record still will need to enter their name on the Tdap assessment portion of the Blue Card printed by CAIR.

Example of Sticker Affixed to Blue Card

3. Complete the sticker.

- Enter the date of the Tdap immunization.
- Enter the student's birthdate.
- Verify and check one of three options. The student has:
 - Proof of a Tdap vaccine on or after their 7th birthday
 - A medical exemption statement from a physician
 - A personal beliefs exemption specifically for Tdap signed by the parent or guardian
- Enter the name of the school staff assessing the student's Tdap status.
- Enter the date the assessment is completed.
- Enter the student's name or identification number as needed to match the Tdap sticker with the student's Blue Card.

4. File the Blue Card in the student's permanent record.

If the student has a medical or personal beliefs exemption, file it with the Blue Card.

If you have questions, contact your local health department immunization