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AFTERNOON/EVENING WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATION CLINIC OFFERED THURSDAY, FEB. 17 IN NORTH HIGHLANDS

Tdap vaccine offered at no cost to those age 10 and older; families with young infants, including school-age children, urged to attend

SACRAMENTO – Sacramento County Public Health and the Twin Rivers Unified School District will sponsor a free pertussis (whooping cough) immunization clinic in North Highlands from 3:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.17.

The clinic will take place in the North Highlands Community Center at 6040 Watt Ave.

Although county health officials are targeting families of young infants, the community clinic is open to all individuals age 10 or older who wish to receive a pertussis booster shot, also known as a Tdap.

California has experienced the highest number of pertussis cases since 1947. In 2010, ten infants under the age of 6 months died from this disease. Vaccinating families and persons in contact with infants is an effective way to protect babies from whooping cough.

Because of this epidemic, a new law requires all California students entering 7th-12th grade in the 2011-2012 school year to be vaccinated against pertussis if they have not received a dose since age 7 or older and to show proof of this immunization to their schools before entry this fall. The new requirement affects an estimated 112,000 school children in Sacramento County.

For more information, call (916) 875-SHOT (875-7468).

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