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RE: **Pertussis Epidemic Vaccination Update**

The state of California is currently experiencing an epidemic level of Pertussis (whooping cough).

In order to stop the Pertussis epidemic, the California Department of Public health, as well as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), recommends **all healthcare personnel working in hospitals or ambulatory care receive a one time adult booster of Tdap**. In addition, the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration mandates hospitals offer Tdap booster vaccination to all healthcare workers.

On July 19th, the Occupational Health Services Dept will begin notifying all staff and physicians for whom they do not have a record of Tdap booster immunization. For those persons who have received a tetanus vaccine within the last 2 years or who must refuse the vaccine due to medical or religious reasons, please contact Occupational Health Services for more information: Tdap vaccine is not to be given to anyone over the age of 65.

To receive your Tdap vaccine, please visit the Occupational Health Services satellite office (located on the ground floor room H0121) M-F between the hours of 7am.-8pm.

Remember to Protect Our Patients, Yourself, and Your Family by:

- Getting Your Tdap vaccination by **September 30, 2010**
- Make Sure Your Children are Up-to-Date on their Immunizations
- Follow Respiratory Hygiene and Etiquette
Pertussis/whooping cough is spread by coughing. Remind everyone to cover their mouths when coughing and to

follow hand hygiene.