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## **Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Update – Free Vaccine**

As of today, San Luis Obispo County's Pertussis count has reached 269 confirmed, probable and suspect cases. Of those, eleven have been infants under one year old, and two of those infants have been hospitalized. Hoping to prevent further spread of this epidemic, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and local Health Officials continue to emphasize vaccination.

Recently, the State of California released new recommendations for pertussis immunization due to the outbreak. In addition to the typical series of childhood pertussis immunizations, CDPH now recommends an adolescent-adult pertussis booster vaccine (Tdap) for:

- anyone 7 years and older who is not fully immunized, including persons aged 65 and older,
- women of childbearing age, before, during, or immediately after pregnancy, and
- other people who have contact with pregnant women or infants.

San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department is making vaccine available to anyone in the above groups at its three locations in Paso Robles, Grover Beach and San Luis Obispo by appointment. Additionally, the Department has partnered with CDPH and local first responder agencies to host several FREE clinics at other locations around the county.

The **FREE** pertussis vaccine clinics are open to individuals **10 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER ONLY** and require **NO APPOINTMENT**. Locations planned so far include:

In San Luis Obispo:

**Tuesday, August 10th – 1pm-5pm** – San Luis Ambulance Conference Room  
3546 S. Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo

In South County:

**Wednesday, August 11 – 9am-1pm** – South County Sheriff's Substation Conference Room  
1681 Front Street, Oceano

In North County:

**Friday, August 13 – 9am-1pm** – Paso Robles Senior Center  
270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

For more information about pertussis and local updates, please go to: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PA.htm> and click on "pertussis (whooping cough)" or call our Public Health Information Line at 805-788-2903.

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