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## City schools offer vaccination clinics

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Sacramento City Unified School District Health Services is providing free whooping cough, H1N1 and other vaccinations to students, their parents and community members.

The district will hold six clinics beginning today through July 15 to offer vaccines to fend off preventable diseases.

The California Department of Public Health is urging Californians to get vaccinated against whooping cough, or pertussis, after a spike in cases and deaths.

Last week, whooping cough was declared an epidemic in California – with 910 reported cases and an additional 600 probable ones reported as of June 15. Five infants have died, all under 3 months old.

Whooping cough in children and adults typically starts with a cough and runny nose for one to two weeks, followed by weeks or even months of rapid coughing fits that sometimes end with a whooping sound.

The Sac City Unified health clinics also provide shots for school entry.

“It’s never too early to vaccinate and prepare for the fall,” said Health Services Director Paulette Meeks.

**Today:** 9 a.m.-noon – Luther Burbank High School auditorium, 3500 Florin Road  
**Thursday:** 7:30-9:30 a.m. – CP Huntington Children’s Center, 5921 26th St. **July 6:** 7:30-9:30 a.m. – Elder Creek Children’s Center, 7934 Lemon Hill Ave. **July 8:** 8-10 a.m. – Theodore Judah Elementary School auditorium, 3919 McKinley Blvd. **July 13:** 7:30-9:30 a.m. – CP Huntington Children’s Center, 5921 26th St. **July 15:** 7:30-9:30 a.m. – Elder Creek Children’s Center, 7934 Lemon Hill Ave. **By appointment:** Call (916) 277-6344 – Hiram Johnson High School health center, 6879 14th Ave.