

# Personal Beliefs Exemption Form

## Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Booster Immunization [Tdap] Requirement

CDPH 8261 (01/11)

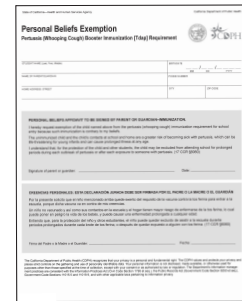
### Instructions for School Staff

The pertussis booster immunization (Tdap) requirement applies to:

- In the 2011-2012 school year, all students entering into 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades.
- In 2012-2013 and future school years, all students entering into 7th grade.

Parents wishing to exempt their child from the pertussis booster (Tdap) immunization requirement should complete the Pertussis Personal Beliefs Exemption form (CDPH 8261). The form describes to the parent or guardian the:

- serious potential consequences to the student and the community of not being immunized against pertussis.
- potential for exclusion from school if unimmunized when pertussis is occurring at school or in the community.

The image shows a sample of the Personal Beliefs Exemption form for Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Booster Immunization (Tdap). The form is titled "Personal Beliefs Exemption" and "Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Booster Immunization (Tdap) Requirement". It includes fields for the student's name, birthdate, parent/guardian name, telephone number, street address, city, and zip code. There are also sections for the parent/guardian to provide a statement of personal beliefs, with a shaded area for the affidavit. The form is dated 01/11.

Example of PBE form

**The form is to be completed by the student's parent/guardian based on the family's personal beliefs against immunization. It is not to be used as a convenience to allow school attendance of students who have not been immunized because of reasons other than personal beliefs.**

**The form is designed to be completed at the school offices, where school staff can verify the signature of the parent or guardian. The form should not be sent to the student's home for completion.**

*The parent or guardian who is requesting a personal beliefs exemption to the pertussis booster (Tdap) immunization requirement:*

1. Is provided with the form at the child's school. The form should not be sent to the student's home for completion.
2. Reads the affidavit information and statement in the shaded box. A Spanish version is also provided.

*The parent or guardian who then wishes to complete the exemption request:*

3. Completes the information at the top of the form: the student's name, birthdate, parent/guardian name, telephone number, street address, city, and zip code.
4. Signs and dates the affidavit section of the form in the shaded box while in the presence of the school staff member. A Spanish version is also provided.

*The school staff member:*

1. Fills out the Blue Card sticker (PM 286 S), checking the box that indicates use of the personal beliefs exemption status.
2. Affixes the sticker to the student's Blue Card (PM 286), if not already affixed.
3. Files the Personal Beliefs Exemption Form and the Blue Card with affixed sticker in the student's permanent record.