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## Non-Profit “The Effort” Hosts Six Free Whooping Cough Vaccination Clinics for Area Children

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**Sacramento**—On August 9th, 2011, from 2pm-6pm, The Effort will host the first of 6 vaccination clinics at three of their Community Health Center sites. This first clinic will be held at The Effort’s South Valley Community Health Center, 8233 E. Stockton Blvd, Suite D.

The Effort, in keeping with their mission of providing quality health care to the Sacramento area, offers these state-mandated Tdap vaccinations (combination vaccine that protects against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus) free to area students who might have limited access. The 6 clinics will be offered from 2-6pm at 3 of their regional health centers:

### **The Effort vaccination clinics schedule:**

*(All sites from 2pm to 6pm)*

South Valley Community Health Center  
8233 E Stockton Blvd. Suite D  
Tuesdays Aug. 9th & 16<sup>th</sup>

Oak Park Community Health Center  
3415 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Wednesdays Aug. 10th & 17<sup>th</sup>

North Highlands Community Health Center  
6015 Watt Ave.  
Fridays Aug. 12th & 19<sup>th</sup>

The vaccination clinics are sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and supported by the Sacramento County Department of Public Health, Twin Rivers Unified School District, San Juan Unified School District, Sacramento City Unified School District, and Elk Grove Unified School District.

Automated phone calls to the homes of all students in the region’s four school districts will notify families of the clinics.

“The Effort is an organization created to meet unmet health needs in our region,” said Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jonathan Porteus, “It’s a privilege to partner The Effort’s Community Health Centers with Kaiser, the County and the four school districts to respond to the community’s needs”

While the vaccinations are targeted toward 7th-12th grade students, The Effort is prepared to administer the Tdap and other vaccinations to children and adults who attend the clinics.

“As a pediatrician, I’m proud to be the medical director of an organization that can, with these free clinics, increase the health and well-being of our region’s kids,” said Dr. Francisco Aguirre, Medical Director of The Effort.

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