Giants Pitcher Sergio Romo to Meet Students Getting Their Whooping Cough Vaccine

WHAT Giants pitcher Sergio Romo will be on hand to meet students who are attending a clinic to get their Tdap booster shot.

WHEN Tuesday, August 2 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WHERE San Francisco Department of Public Health
101 Grove Street / Room 300

WHO
- **Tom Torlakson**, State Superintendent for Public Education, CA Department of Education
- **Sergio Romo**, pitcher, San Francisco Giants
- **Andrew Resignato**, Director, San Francisco Immunization Coalition
- **Susan Fernyak**, MD, Director Communicable Disease Control & Prevention, SF Department of Public Health
- **Zack & Emily Tobita**, local teens who contracted whooping cough
- **Kira Bricknell**, Emily and Zack’s Mother

WHY All students entering grades 7-12 in the state of California are required to have a Tdap booster shot or they cannot attend school. At this time, only 40 percent of children in the Bay Area between the ages of 10 and 18 are reported to have the vaccine. For SFUSD, currently only 22 percent of 7-12th grade students have the booster shot document on file at their school. The district has been coordinating with public health officials to make sure families are provided with multiple opportunities to get the shot before school starts on August 15.

AUDIO/VISUAL: Several students will be getting their Tdap vaccine at the event. The San Francisco Giants player will be meeting with students.

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