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EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS… BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Event Will Answer Questions and Highlight Importance of Immunizations

WHAT: The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and the San Diego Immunization Coalition, in partnership with the California Office of Binational Border Health and the California Department of Public Health, are sponsoring a parent forum: *"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Childhood Immunizations But Were Afraid to Ask!"* A panel of medical experts will speak with parents about childhood immunizations, vaccine safety, the importance of staying on track with the childhood vaccine schedule and other immunization concerns.

WHO: **Mark Sawyer, M.D.**, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and a Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist at the UCSD School of Medicine and Rady Children's Hospital San Diego
Eric Courchesne, Ph.D., Professor of Neurosciences at the UCSD School of Medicine and Director of the UCSD Center for Autism Research
Local Parents

WHEN: Tuesday, April 27, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego County HHSA Public Health Center
690 Oxford Street
Chula Vista, CA

WHY: In the past year, outbreaks of pertussis, clusters of chickenpox cases in schools and the worldwide H1N1 pandemic have prompted increasing interest in immunizations, especially those recommended for children. The San Diego Immunization Coalition is a partnership of about 150 public and private healthcare and social service organizations, including HHSA, which is working to promote and provide immunizations across the lifespan—from birth to seniors.

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