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COMMUNITY FORUM ON IMPORTANCE AND SAFETY OF VACCINES *Local Experts Available to Answer Questions from Parents*

WHAT: A community forum for parents on the importance and safety of vaccines is being sponsored by the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), the San Diego Immunization Coalition and El Cajon Collaborative.

“Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Childhood Immunizations But Were Afraid to Ask!” will include panel of medical experts that will answer parents’ questions on childhood immunizations, 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 in San Diego
Eric Courchesne, Ph.D., Professor of Neurosciences at the UCSD School of Medicine and Director of the UCSD Autism Center of Excellence.
East County Parents

WHEN: Wednesday, September 22, 2010
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: El Cajon Library—Community Room
201 East Douglass Ave.
El Cajon, CCA

WHY: The current whooping cough epidemic, clusters of chickenpox cases in schools and H1N1 have generated 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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