

New Immunization Requirement For Seventh Grade

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, the Ohio Department of Health is requiring all students entering 7th grade to show written proof of a booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap), or tetanus and diphtheria (Td). This shot is intended to be a booster dose for students who completed the initial series of DTaP/DT/Td vaccine which was required for entry into Kindergarten. Please review your student's immunization records and/or call your physician to determine if your student has had this additional booster vaccine. Written proof of the booster vaccine includes a xeroxed copy of your student's immunization record or a signed statement from your health care provider listing the **Tdap or Td** immunization and the date it was administered. Records can be brought or faxed to Hilliard Station, fax # 614-529-7402, attention school nurse. **Students must have the Tdap or Td booster in order to attend 7th grade.**

Adolescent Immunizations

While reviewing your student's shot record, you may want to consider talking with your doctor about some other immunizations that are available for young adolescents. The following vaccines are not required for school attendance but are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics:

MCV or Menactra (Meningococcal Vaccine) – This vaccine is for protection against bacterial meningitis. One dose is given between the ages of 11-18. Some colleges are requiring students to have this vaccine before admission.

HPV or Gardasil (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine) – The human papillomavirus is implicated in some types of cervical cancer. This vaccine is administered to females aged 11-18 as a three dose series.

Varicella (chicken pox) Vaccine – Two doses of this vaccine is recommended if your child has not previously had the disease.

More information about vaccine preventable diseases and available vaccines can be found at www.cdc.gov or www.odh.gov.