

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL GRADE 6 PARENTS REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS

by Florida Department of Health Bureau of Immunization

The Florida Department of Health requires that students entering **seventh** or **eighth** grade receive a very specific form of the “Tetanus” vaccine. This vaccine is referred to as the **Tdap (Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Vaccines)**. This requirement is in addition to the previous immunization requirements that are grade-appropriate. The **Tdap** can be administered to students 10 years of age and above if prior Td booster was given at least 2 years ago.

Documentation from the student’s health care provider should specify that the student has gotten the **Tdap** vaccine on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (form 680). If documentation does not specify the **Tdap** vaccine, the parent/guardian will be asked to return the form to the health care provider for clarification.

Students who receive a Td will be given a temporary medical exemption of no less than two years and will be required to receive the Tdap at the end of that time.

Four additional vaccines are not mandated, but parents are encouraged to discuss them with their child’s physician. These are: two doses of Varicella (chicken pox), the meningococcal meningitis vaccine, Hepatitis A series, and the HPV vaccine series.

Please schedule your appointment with your physician as soon as possible, or you may contact the Hillsborough County Health Department for appointments or further information.

Immunizations are provided FREE at the Health Department.

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