

Tdap Immunization Requirement

Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccination for 6th graders or 7th graders who did not receive Tdap at 6th grade due to being younger than 11 at start of 6th grade or less than 5 years since last tetanus containing vaccine at start of 6th grade.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

A new vaccine is available that can protect adolescents against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap). The Tdap vaccine is recommended for all children aged 11 years and older. This vaccine should replace one tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster.

Starting July 1, 2007, children attending sixth grade are required to show proof of Tdap vaccination if it has been five years since receiving a tetanus-containing vaccine (DTaP, DT, or Td).

Complete your child's Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form by sending in the following information:

- The date your child received one dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine (see the below sample chart), or
- Philosophical, religious or medical exemption.

Immunization	Date Given		
	Month	Day	Year
(DTaP or Td in last 5 years)			
Tdap			

Please remember, your child's school must have updated documentation of all immunizations before the first day of school in fall 2009 A health check-up that includes vaccinations is recommended for all children aged 11-12 years. Schedule your child's check-up appointment at least one month before school starts to make sure they get the vaccinations needed for school. The Tdap vaccine is made by two different manufacturers. Boostrix makes a Tdap for ages 10 – 18 years of age and Adacel makes one for 11 – 64 years of age.

Talk to your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic for more information on the Tdap vaccine, or visit: www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize/adolescent.htm.

Sincerely,
Michelle Zaleski, RN, Health Coordinator

Please indicate below and return this notice:

Student: _____ Doctor/Clinic: _____