

Immunization Notice

New Immunization Required for All 10th Graders

To: Parents of Children Entering 10th Grade

As part of the transition to 10th grade, **your child is required to receive the Tdap vaccination before the first day of class.** Tdap is a vaccination that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Your child may be **excluded from school** until a record of this immunization is provided.

To avoid any missed school, **please contact your health care provider's office as soon as possible** to schedule your child's appointment. Doing this now will make the beginning of school less stressful for yourself and your child, and will minimize the wait at busy health care provider's offices.

Tdap has been available since 2005 and is licensed for children and adults age 10 through 64. If your child has already received a Tdap shot, providing documentation to your child's school will fulfill this requirement.

Appointment Date: _____ Appointment Time: _____

Bring this letter with you to your child's appointment to discuss these additional recommended vaccinations:

- MCV4 (meningococcal meningitis)
- Hep A (hepatitis A)
- HPV for girls (human papillomavirus)
- 2nd Varicella (chickenpox)

If you or your healthcare provider have questions about the Tdap or any other vaccination, please contact the Boulder County Public Health Immunization Program by calling 303-413-7500 or visit the special website page about school immunization requirements www.BoulderCountyShots.org.

If you have not had a tetanus shot in the past two years, consider also protecting yourself against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) with a Tdap shot.

Please note: Per Colorado Revised Statutes §25-4-903(4), medical, religious, and personal exemptions are allowed in Colorado.