

Immunization Notice

New Immunization Required for All 6th Graders

To: Parents of Children Entering 6th Grade

As part of the transition to middle school, **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 healthcare 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 your wait at busy doctors' offices.

Two brands of Tdap vaccine are currently available. One brand is licensed for children 10 through 18 years of age and the other is licensed for children and adults age 11 through 64 years of age. Not all healthcare providers carry both brands. If your child is not 11 years old yet, contact your provider prior to your visit.

Appointment Date: _____ Appointment Time: _____

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

- MCV4 (meningococcal meningitis) – for children 11 years and older
- 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.