

7th Grade Immunization Requirement

The Ohio Department of Health has added an immunization requirement that will affect incoming 7th graders for the school year beginning August, 2010. The following is a quote from the Ohio Director of Health's Journal that can be found at www.ohioaap.org/files/2010_Imm.pdf :

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, and each year thereafter, one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis, adolescent and adult formulation) or Td (Tetanus and diphtheria, adult) vaccine shall be required prior to entry into the seventh (7th) grade.

Most children have received a Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP) vaccination prior to Kindergarten. This new requirement is a booster to these vaccines. If your child has received a Tetanus shot (Td) or Tdap for an injury or other reason within 5 years of entering 7th grade, the requirement is waived.

The Tdap vaccine is recommended over the Td vaccine in the absence of contraindications as it includes the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine.

The Lucas County Health Department offers the Tdap and Td vaccines through their Shots for Tots program. The cost is \$5. A complete schedule of dates and times can be obtained by calling (419) 213-4121 or by viewing their website - www.co.lucas.oh.us/health . Click on Health Services, then Shots for Tots, then monthly calendar. Be sure to bring your child's shot record.

Of course, you may also schedule an appointment with your family physician.

Please see the attached CDC vaccine information statement or go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/Pubs/vis/downloads/vis-td-tdap.pdf>

Send the bottom portion of this letter to school at any time to be placed in your child's health folder. Call me if you have any questions: (419) 381-1775 Ext. 134

Lori Ameling, R.N.

School Nurse

Documentation of Immunization

_____ received a booster dose of _____ on _____ .
(Child's name) (Tdap or Td) (date)

Physician/Specialist Signature

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