

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRY INTO 7th GRADE

The revised law of the state of Ohio (3313.671) states that all students entering the seventh grade starting with the 2016-2017 school year are required to have a booster **Tdap** vaccination and one dose of **meningococcal** vaccine.

The Tdap booster vaccine gives protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). The meningococcal vaccine helps protect against the bacteria that cause meningococcal diseases.

Ohio law allows a 14 day grace period for the beginning of the school year. If a student does not obtain the required vaccinations and provide written documentation (immunization record) or an exemption note to the school, the school will exclude that student on the 15th day until the immunization requirement is fulfilled.

Your child may have already received these vaccines at their most recent check-up. If not, please schedule an appointment with your primary health care provider. In addition, the Warren County Health Department provides a variety of clinic hours offering vaccinations at a low cost. Their number is 695-1468.

Please send updated immunization records to school that document your child has received the Tdap booster and meningococcal vaccine. From now until the end of this school year, send updated vaccination records to Columbia Elementary. After May 27, send the records to the Junior High.

We are sending this information now to allow adequate time to meet this requirement. If you have any questions please contact your school nurse at the phone numbers listed below.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

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