



**ALLEN COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
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Allen County Combined Health District

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Dear Parent of Current 6th Grade Student,

Your child will be required to have (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) **Tdap** and **meningococcal (MCV4)** vaccines prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Students without proof of vaccination will be subject to exclusion from school.

Even though the **Tdap** and **meningococcal (MCV4)** vaccines are the only **required** vaccines for your child, there are other recommended adolescent vaccines available. The following are a some of the recommended vaccines available at the health department for teens:

- **Meningitis (MCV4) Required**-one or two doses, depending on age, to protect against meningitis) -Teens are at increased risk for this bacterial infection. Meningitis can kill a healthy person in less than 48 hours. Survivors can have serious problems that last the rest of their lives. Most colleges require this vaccine for those students who live in dorms.
- **Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (Tdap) Required**-one dose to protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)-This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing. Pertussis has been increasing in recent years; therefore, it is important to be up-to-date with vaccination. Teens can be sick for weeks with pertussis.
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus)**-two or three dose series to protect against HPV disease-HPV disease is the leading cause of cervical cancer in women and oropharyngeal cancer in males and females.

If you have any questions about these or any other vaccines or wish to make an appointment to receive a vaccine please call the health department at 419-228-4457.

Respectfully,

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Get Vaccinated Coordinator  
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