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Dear Parent or Guardian of Rising Seventh Grade Student(s),

We want your child to remain healthy and help them to be protected against illness from vaccine-preventable diseases. This is a reminder that your child's vaccines are due soon, before the start of the 7th grade year.

To enter 7th grade in Virginia, three vaccines are required:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)
- MenACWY (meningococcal ACWY)
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)




According to Virginia Code §22.1-271.2, students are not permitted to begin school unless the parent or guardian submits documentary proof of immunization status, or unless the student has a medical or religious waiver. According to the Virginia Department of Health, effective July 1, 2021, the first dose of the HPV vaccine is required before the child enters the 7th grade. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine without a signed waiver. If the parent chooses to not have their child immunized against vaccines other than HPV, a notarized waiver needs to be provided according to Virginia Code 12VAC5-110-80. The waivers, along with other vaccine information, can be found on the VDH website:





[https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/cre\\_1.pdf](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/cre_1.pdf), or the Orange County Public Schools School Health Resources site:

<https://www.ocss-va.org/departments/student-services/school-health-resources>.

If you haven't already scheduled your child's rising 7th grade required vaccines, please contact your healthcare provider, or the Orange County Health Department at 540-672-1291 to set up an appointment for your child to receive their vaccines. To learn more about vaccinations for your child, please visit the Virginia Department of Health website at:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>. You may also access this information on the Orange County Public Schools Health Services webpage, listed above. If you have further questions, please contact the school nurse at your child's school.

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