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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of the immunization requirements for students entering Grade 7 in the State of Ohio. All seventh-grade students will be required to have **one does of Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) as a booster to the initial series of required doses. Ohio is requiring the Tdap vaccines, as opposed to Td, to protect against Pertussis (whooping cough).

Additionally, your child is also required to receive **1 dose of Meningococcal (MCV4)** vaccine prior to entry into Grade 7. Two doses of the Meningococcal vaccine (MVC4) are recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years of age. The first dose is at 11 or 12 years old and a booster dose at age 16.

Please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment to receive these and any other age-appropriate vaccines your child will need for the next school year.

Please send in or email any immunization records or questions regarding any immunizations to our school nurse, Brittany Howard at bhoward@bgcs.k12.oh.us. You may also email Emily Myers at the middle school emyers@bgcs.k12.oh.us, she will forward any messages to Mrs. Howard. Records can also be faxed to the middle school at 419-353-1958.

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