

7th Grade Immunization Requirement!

The Ohio Department of Health requires all 7th graders to get a **Tdap** shot (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and **Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4)** prior to the beginning of 7th grade. If your child has had the Tdap immunization within the past 5 years, then they do not need a booster at this time, but documentation of this immunization is mandatory. In addition to this, your child is required to get a Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) prior to entering the 7th grade. A second dose of the Meningococcal vaccine will be needed before their 12th grade school year.

In summary, for your child to BEGIN the 7th grade, both a Tdap and a Meningococcal vaccine are required.

From the ODH Director's Journal regarding Tdap & Meningococcal vaccine requirements:

For 7th Grade – 12th grade entry, one (1) dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the 10th birthday.

For 7th Grade - One (1) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine is required for all pupils in grades 7- 11. If a child received a dose before age 10 years, they should receive a dose of MenACWY at 11 or 12 years. A second (2nd) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine will be required prior to entry into the 12th grade.

Please give any documentation of these immunizations to the school office before the first day of school. As always, reach out to me with any questions!

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