TEXAS Health and Human Services

Texas Department of State Health Services

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RE: Required Seventh Grade Immunizations for the 2026-2027 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians of Upcoming Seventh Grade Students in Texas Schools:

Remember to vaccinate your seventh grader before the busy back-to-school rush. All students attending seventh-12th grades must receive the meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine and one dose of the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine by state law.

Vaccinating children protects the health of your child and the community. Students cannot attend school without valid proof of having received the vaccines or a medical or conscientious exemption form. Valid proof of immunizations would be a valid immunization record with the required immunizations needed for the grade level.

View or download the full vaccine requirements for seventh grade students from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Section website at dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school.

Consult your health care provider or local health department if you have any questions about vaccines. Visit the DSHS Immunization Section website at dshs.texas.gov/immunizations, call 800-252-9152, or email Immunization.Info@dshs.texas.gov to learn more.

Thank you for keeping your child immunized and free from vaccine-preventable diseases. We wish you a rewarding and productive 2026-2027 school year!

Sincerely,

Texas Department of State Health Services
Immunization Section