

New Immunization REQUIREMENT for ALL Students Entering 7th Grade

Dear parent of Incoming 7th Grader:

This letter is to inform you of a change that was made to the Iowa Administrative Code that now requires all a Tdap (tetanus) vaccination for ALL adolescents enrolled in secondary school. It became effective with the 2013-2014 school year. The new language is intended to REQUIRE adolescent's entering 7th grade to have one dose of the Tdap (tetanus) vaccine.

This requirement will help Iowa achieve and maintain high vaccination adolescent coverage levels while reducing the number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases occurring annually in Iowa.

As you schedule physicals for athletics or if you are in your physician's office this spring or summer, please ask about this booster vaccine. Documentation of the Tdap vaccine on the Certificate of Immunization will need to be provided to the middle school nurse prior to the first day of school to avoid exclusion from school.

If you are in need of financial assistance to obtain the vaccination, please contact your local Public Health Department

Thank you,



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