



July 22, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter serves as a reminder about the change in Ohio law for immunizations. Ohio law requires that children who attend a public or non-public school be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable illnesses to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases amongst the children and the public. Beginning this upcoming 2010-2011 school year, the Ohio Department of Health, at the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), has issued the following additional immunization requirement for all seventh graders:

- ALL INCOMING 7TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO HAVE A TDaP (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) BOOSTER

These immunizations must be received prior to the start of 2010-2011 school year. Please contact your physician to schedule an appointment or vaccines can be obtained at Lake County General Health District, 33 Mill Street, Painesville (440- 350-2554).

Any student who completed the original DTP/DTap/DT series and later received TD or Tdap for an injury or other reason within 5 years of entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will meet this requirement and not need to be re-immunized for entry to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please supply us with the date below and return this form before the beginning of 2010-1011 school year. In this situation, students who received only TD rather than Tdap should be immunized with Tdap 5 years after the TD immunization

Once your child has received the vaccine, please forward a copy of your child's immunization record to the school. According to the Ohio Department of Health (2010), "As with other school immunization requirements, students who do not provide documentation of this immunization are subject to exclusion from school". We will work with families to ensure that all timelines are met to avoid any interruptions in learning.

Ohio Law allows a 14 school day period for compliance with the immunization requirement. Please provide the needed information by August 24, 2010, the first day of school. As of September 15, 2010, students whose records are incomplete will not be able to attend classes until the needed documentation is provided to the school.

Please contact Sandra Yankie, RN or Fran Keller, RN (440-259-9604 or 440-259-9504), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Please return to the office by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

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Student's Name

TDaP Booster    \_\_\_/ \_\_\_/ \_\_\_  
                          Month    Day    Year

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Physician's Signature

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Date