

**OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HEALTH SERVICES**

6TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS –Revised Notice

Amendments to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 --- effective September 1, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The State of New Jersey has adopted the following immunizations to be mandated for Grade 6, as listed below. It is **strongly recommended** that you **make an appointment for your child NOW** with either your private physician or the free clinic (732-745-3125) so he/she receives both the meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines **before the deadline**. *Your child should already be 11 years old when you go for the appointment.* Remember the free clinic is only available to those who do not have health insurance for immunizations (see other side of this letter for more information). Forward all other questions to your current school nurse.

Call for an 11 year old appointment TODAY.

Have your physician record the immunizations received on this form.
Return this form to the current school nurse in either elementary or middle school.
Do **NOT** attach this form to the sports physical.

Meningococcal vaccine (for example, Menactra®)

Children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country are required to receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine, such as the meningococcal conjugate vaccine *when they turn 11 years old*.

Tdap --- Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (for example, Adacel® or Boostrix®)

Children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country are required to receive one booster dose of the Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccine *given no earlier than the 10th birthday*.

Physician documentation of these vaccines is due by the first day of school. The only extension is given to students who become 11 years old after the first day of school or within the two weeks before school starts. In other words, since students need to be 11 years old when they go for the appointment they will have a two-week extension from their birthday. For example, a student born on August 22 will have until September 5 to receive the two vaccines. **Students who do not comply with the above requirements may be excluded from school.**

Print Student's Name

Grade

School

Date of birth

Menactra® (Meningococcal vaccine)

Date given

Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis vaccine

(Tdap)

Date Given: (no earlier than the 10th birthday)



Check if the following statement is applicable:
The last documented dose of DTP/DTaP or Td vaccine was given within five years and/or before the child's 10th birthday (record date _____).
Therefore, the above **Tdap**, will be postponed until five years has elapsed since the last documented dose of DTP/DTaP or Td vaccine.
The postponed **Tdap** vaccine will be due on (include month/year) _____

Print Physician's name

Physician's signature

Date

Physician's Stamp Required
with address/phone number