Virginia Immunization Requirement
for
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap)

Important Notice

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Current Fifth Grader:

Effective July 1, 2016, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entering sixth grade.

- Please check your child’s immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that you provide documentation to the school prior to June 17, 2016. This documentation can be a copy of your child’s immunization record, or a note from your physician listing the date of his or her most recent Tdap booster shot.

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child’s physician. Immunizations required for school are also available at the Fairfax County Health Department. Clinic locations and walk-in hours are listed on the back of this letter and are available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdclinicsite.htm. Students receiving immunizations at the Health Department must be accompanied by an adult, and students should bring their immunization records to the Health Department clinic with them.

It is most important that you attend to this matter soon. Sixth graders cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster.

Please contact the school public health nurse Mrs. Dawna Poyner, 703-390-5610, if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Trout
Principal