



Loudoun County Public Schools

Department of Pupil Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Rising Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Grade Student(s):

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that all students entering **seventh grade** must have received a Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine booster **unless the student has received a Tdap vaccine after the age of seven years**. Prior to the 2019/2020 school year, this immunization was required for students entering sixth grade. Only *one* dose of the Tdap booster is required after the age of seven years, regardless of the interval since the previous dose. Please note that Tdap is a different vaccine than the DTaP vaccine.

Immunizations may be obtained from your physician, military clinics, or the Loudoun County Health Department. The Loudoun County Health Department will provide the immunizations that are required for school attendance at no cost to the parent or guardian. The Health Department is located in the Shenandoah Building at 102 Heritage Way, N.E., Suite 100, Leesburg, (phone number 703-777-0236). **Immunizations are administered by appointment**. If you choose to go to the Health Department for this immunization, you must bring a current immunization record with you to the appointment.

If your child has not received a dose of the Tdap vaccine, and you have not provided the school with a medical exemption, signed by your child's licensed health care provider or a notarized Religious Exemption, **your child may not start school on August 22, 2019**

If you have questions, please contact your child's physician or the local health department.

Thank you for your assistance.