



FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Rising Sixth Grader:

**Your child will not be able to attend school
next year unless you take action!**

Prior to entering sixth grade, all students in Virginia are required to receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxic-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td).

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child's physician. If your child is 11 years old, he or she should get the Tdap immunization and documentation should be provided to the school as soon as possible. However, if your child is still 10 years old, please check with his or her physician to see if the physician is using Boostrix (the Tdap vaccine approved for 10 year olds). If not, your child will need to wait until the eleventh birthday to receive the immunization. If the eleventh birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap in order to attend school.

The Tdap booster is also available at the Fairfax County Health Department at no charge for both 10 and 11 year olds. 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 should have their immunization records with them.

You must attend to this matter as soon as possible. **Your child cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the past five years.**

Please contact Kimberly Fry the school public health nurse at 703-326-6553 or Melissa Dicker the school registrar at 703-633-6402 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Cohen
Principal