



Silverbrook Elementary School

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

Important Notice

Dear Parent or Guardian of Rising 6th Grade Student:

Effective July 1, 2006, all students in Virginia must receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine **prior to entering sixth grade**, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td).

- If your child is 11 years old, he or she must get the Tdap immunization and provide documentation to the school.
- If your child is still 10 years old, he or she may receive the Tdap vaccine, Boostrix, which is approved for 10 years old, or you may wait until the 11th birthday to receive the vaccine approved for 11-year-olds.
- If your child's 11th 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 immunization in order to attend school.

Please check your child's immunization records carefully. If your child is required to have a Tdap booster, we ask that your child receive it, and that you provide documentation to the school prior to June 22, 2010. 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 at no charge. 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 or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the past five years.**

Please contact the school public health nurse Lisa Yonika at 703-690-5100, if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melaney J. Mackin Ed.D.

Fairfax County Health Department Clinic Sites

Falls Church District Office

6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500
Falls Church, VA 22044
703-534-8343

Herndon-Reston District Office

1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Suite 100
Reston, VA 20190-3310
703-481-4242

Mount Vernon District Office

8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 233
Alexandria, VA 22309-2344
703-704-5203

Springfield District Office

Cary Building, First Floor, Suite A100
8136 Old Keene Mill Rd
Springfield, VA 22152
703-569-1031

Joseph Willard Health Center

3750 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax City, VA 22030-6903
703-246-7100

Walk-in hours at all locations:

Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.