

VACCINES FOR YOUR PRETEEN

Reminder for parents/guardians of students entering 7th grade in the fall of 2023.

The following vaccinations will be **recommended** by your child's health care provider at his/her well-child visit before entering 7th grade:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis (Tdap):** A single shot that will protect your child against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- **Meningococcal (MenACWY):** A two-shot series, one dose at age 11-12 years, and another at age 16, that will protect your child against the bacteria that causes meningitis or sepsis (bloodstream infection).
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** A two or three dose shot series, given over six – twelve months' time, that protects both boys and girls from cancers caused by this virus. This vaccine is most effective when administered before age 15.
- **Hepatitis A:** A two-shot series given over six months' time that protects against this viral liver disease. Your child should receive this vaccine now only if they did not previously receive it.
- **Influenza (Flu):** A yearly vaccination that will help protect your child from the flu.

➤ Vermont's Immunization Rule **requires** documentation of one dose of **Tdap** vaccine before 7th grade entry. This is in addition to the vaccines required for entry into kindergarten through 6th grade. Also, residential students (living in dormitories) in grades 7 – 12 are **required** to have had one or two (age appropriate) doses of **MenACWY** vaccine.

An official immunization record must be presented to the school before your child enters 7th grade. If a student doesn't meet the vaccine requirements, or have a current exemption on file, he/she may be temporarily admitted only after the approval of a school nurse or administrator. Failure to meet requirements may result in exclusion from school.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has up-to-date information on teen vaccines at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/diseases/teen/index.html>

Information about Vermont's Rule and required forms may be found at: [Child Care, K-12, and College Immunization Information for Parents | Vermont Department of Health](#)