

IMPORTANT NOTICE

6th Grade Immunization Requirements

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's health records indicate that he/she has not received the following immunizations *mandated* by the New Jersey State Department of Health. Documentation from the physician's office that the immunizations were given is required **by MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020**

1. **Tdap:**

New Jersey State law requires children born after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending 6th grade shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10th birthday.

2. **Meningococcal vaccine:**

New Jersey State law also requires that every child born after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending 6th grade shall have received one dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine.

*Please note: This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade Six. **If your child will not be 11 at the start of 6th grade, a note from your child's physician that an appointment is scheduled is required by August 17, 2020** You must then provide proof of vaccination immediately following the appointment.

The Cherry Hill School District is compelled by state law to ensure that all students receive the required immunizations. **Children who do not meet immunization requirements or do not have documentation of a scheduled appointment within two weeks of turning 11 years of age will be excluded from school beginning the first school day.** The only exceptions are for students who have medical or religious waivers on file.

*Those who received a Td booster within 5 years are not required to get the Tdap until 5 years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.

**Depending on the manufacturer of the vaccine your physician may not be able to administer the Tdap or Menactra vaccines until your child reaches age 11. If this is the case, please provide documentation that an appointment is scheduled and proof of vaccination once it is administered.

Please contact your child's middle school nurse with any questions or concerns.

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