



# West Deptford Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has revised immunization requirements for all children born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade Six, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008.

Each child shall have received:

#### 8:57-4.10 Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine

- (h) Every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade Six, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- (i) Children entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008, who received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entry or attendance shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.
- (j) Children born on or after January 1, 1997, and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap, provided at least five years have elapsed from the last documented Td dose.

#### 8:57-4.20 Meningococcal vaccine

- (a) Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

*\* Please note: This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade Six.*

- (b) Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

Please call your child's healthcare provider immediately to make an appointment for your child to receive the required vaccines.

If your child does not have health insurance, you may bring your child to the Gloucester County Health Department Immunization Clinic at no cost to you.

You must have an appointment: Call 218-4100 between 8am-4pm. The Health Department is located at 204 E. Holly Avenue, Sewell, New Jersey.

CALL AND CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IF YOU CANNOT KEEP IT.

What to bring: Official immunization record from doctor. Just bringing letter from school is not enough. You must have official doctor immunization record.

**IMPORTANT:** Parent or legal guardian must accompany child or shot(s) will **not** be given.

After your child receives the required vaccines you must provide the school nurse documentation of same. The documentation must be from your doctor's office and include child's name, vaccine name, and date given. The date must include the month, day and year. Vaccinations must be concluded by the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

For more information about these vaccines, please go to <http://www.immunize.org/vis/> They have Vaccine Information Statements for Tdap and Meningitis in English and Spanish.

Please call your child's school nurse if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi

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