

ATTENTION:

Parents and Guardians of children entering 7th grade for 2010-2011 year

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The required immunizations for school attendance have been updated for the 2010-2011 school year. Students entering 7th grade for the **2010-2011** need to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) or a Td (tetanus and diphtheria) booster.

Most children entering 7th grade in Ohio have not yet received the Tdap or Td booster and there has not been an immunization requirement for 7th grade entry since 1999. Of the two, Tdap is preferred by the Ohio Department of Health because it provides vital protection against pertussis; also known as whooping cough.

Please contact the Sandusky County Health Department (419-334-6367) or your family physician to schedule an appointment for your child. Cost through the Health Department is currently \$10 but will increase to \$14 after May 1st. Medicaid is accepted. You must also bring your child's immunization record with you to the appointment. When the immunization has been completed, please bring the new record back to school for the school nurse to record.

Sandusky County may provide clinic for large groups but dates have not been set at this time. We will share dates and times as soon as we receive notification from the Health Department.

Please Note: Students not in compliance with the immunization requirements are to be excluded from school attendance no later than the 15th day after the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions and/or review the information on the FCS Website.

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