

Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 6th Grade



The Wisconsin Student Immunization law requires that all students entering the 6th grade receive a dose of Tdap vaccine. To be compliant with the school law, parents must provide their child's school with proof of immunization or claim a waiver.

- 1. What is the requirement?** All students entering grade 6 through 12 must have one dose of Tdap.
- 2. What is Tdap?** Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Tdap (along with a few other vaccines) is routinely recommended for all children starting at 11-12 years of age.
- 3. What do parents need to do?** Have your child vaccinated with Tdap vaccine if he or she has not already received the vaccine. Record the date of the immunization in the bold outlined box on the enclosed Student Immunization Record, sign the form and return it to the Shawano Community Middle School.
- 4. Are there exceptions to the Tdap vaccine requirements?** If your child will be entering grades 6-12 and already received a tetanus-containing vaccine (e.g. Td vaccine) within the last 5 years, your child is compliant and Tdap vaccine is not required at this time. To claim a personal, religious or medical waiver, follow the instructions on the Student Immunization Record and return the signed form to the Shawano Community Middle School.
- 5. Where can I get Tdap vaccine for my child?** Tdap is available from your child's medical provider, tribal clinics and some pharmacies. The Shawano Menominee Counties Health Department provides free or low cost vaccines if your child is uninsured, has Medicaid, is Native American/Alaska Native, or insurance does not cover vaccines.
- 6. Are any other vaccines recommended for my adolescent?** Yes. There are three other vaccines that are routinely recommended for teens. The human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) protects against a virus that is a common cause of cancer. The meningococcal conjugate vaccine protects against meningococcal disease (meningitis), and an annual influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.

Wisconsin Immunization Registry

Look up your child's immunization record on the statewide registry.

<https://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/registry>

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AVOID THE END OF SUMMER RUSH!

I know it is hard thinking of next year right now. Please have your child immunized this summer as it can be hard to get an appointment right before school starts.

If you have any questions about the Tdap vaccine or any other required or recommended vaccines please contact the District Nurses at (715) 526-3194, Jessica Wiesman ext 8108 or Heather Demerath ext 8208.