

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Ohio Department of Health has added a new immunization requirement for all students entering the seventh grade. All seventh-graders will now be required to have a Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) immunization, within the five-year period before entering seventh grade. A Td (tetanus/diphtheria) immunization during the same time period will also meet the requirement, but you should speak with your child's health care provider about whether a Tdap booster should also be administered.

Many students may have already received the required immunization after August \_\_, 2006, and many students have not. Please check with your child's health care provider. If your child has received the immunization, send the date, **in writing**, as provided from the health care provider, to the Intermediate School Nurse ***as soon as possible!*** You may use the form on the back of this letter for documentation purposes, however any official vaccination record signed by the health care provider will be accepted.

If your child has not received the required immunization, please see that this is accomplished ***as soon as possible***. We need to have this information sent to the Intermediate School Nurse no later than April 30, 2011.

Any student who has **NO** documentation of receiving the immunization will be **excluded from entering the seventh grade**.

Please share the information on the back of this letter with your child's physician or Health Department clinic. The completed form should be returned to your child's school.

Please feel free to contact me for more information. I can be reached by phone at 829-4504 or by email at zemko\_k@fairfieldcityschools.com.

Sincerely,

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IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT VERIFICATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

In order for this student to meet the new state mandated immunization requirement for school, he/she is in need of a Tdap or Td immunization.

According to the following guidelines, any student who completed the original DTP/DTaP/DT series *and* later received a Td or Tdap immunization within the five-year period before entering seventh grade will meet this requirement and does not need to be re-immunized for entry to seventh grade. (\*\***Please note:** The Ohio Dept. of Health recommends that a student who received only a Td rather than a Tdap should be immunized with a Tdap within five years after the Td immunization. The CDC has said that Tdap can be administered as soon as two years after Td.)

Please date the appropriate line.

(date)\_\_\_\_\_ Tdap administered.

(date)\_\_\_\_\_ TD administered.

Physician signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_