

VACCINES FOR YOUR PRETEEN

Reminder for parents/guardians of students entering 7th grade in the fall of 2016

The following vaccinations will be **recommended** by your child's health care provider at his/her well-child visit before entering 7th grade:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis (Tdap):** This is a single shot that will protect your child against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** This is a three shot series, given over six months' time, that protects both boys and girls from cancers caused by this virus.
- **Influenza (Flu):** This is a yearly vaccination that will help protect your child from the flu. This vaccine is available as either an injection or a nasal mist.
- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** This is a two shot series, one dose before 7th grade, and another at age 16, that will protect your child against the bacteria that causes meningitis or sepsis (bloodstream infection).

Vermont's Immunization Rule **requires** parents to provide documentation of one dose of Tdap vaccine before 7th grade entry. Additionally, residential students in grades 7 – 12 are **required** to have had one or two (age appropriate) doses of meningococcal vaccine.

An official immunization record must be presented to the school before your child enters 7th grade. If a student doesn't meet the vaccine requirements, or have a current exemption on file, he/she may be provisionally admitted only after the approval of school nurse or administrator. Failure to meet requirements may result in exclusion.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has up-to-date information on teen vaccines at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/diseases/teen/index.html>

Information about Vermont's Rules and required forms may be found at: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>