Clarksville Montgomery County Schools

7th Grade Immunization Reminder

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System would like to remind you, as the parent/guardian of a 6th grade student, that the state requires proof that your student has had a booster dose of tetanus diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (known as Tdap) prior to being admitted into 7th grade.

The Tennessee Department of Health has issued an immunization requirement for all students entering into the 7th grade and is as follows:

• Documentation of Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis Booster (Tdap) – not required if a Td booster dose is recorded as given less than 5 years before 7th grade entry on the certificate.

Proof of immunization **must be on an official Tennessee Certificate of Immunization**. Your healthcare provider or the health department will provide you with the certificate when you take your child for his/her required immunization.

This law does not apply to students of active-duty military parents who are able to provide an out of state immunization record showing proof of Tdap.

Please make arrangements with your healthcare provider or the Health Department for your child to receive this new immunization and provide proof <u>prior to the first day of the school year</u>.

The immunization deadline for this year is September 8th 2023, after which date any student who does not meet the requirements will not be able to return to school until they do.

For additional information regarding immunization requirements please visit the TN Department of Health website at https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program/ip/im

*If your student qualifies for a Medical or Religious Exemption: Please see our admission policy and Religious Exemption form on the district website (<u>HEA-F092</u>).

Please feel free to contact your school nurse with any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation in this,

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