

TDAP IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR RISING 7TH GRADERS

Important Notice for Parents/Guardians of Rising 7th Grade Students

All students born on or after January 1, 2002 and entering or transferring into 7th grade need proof of an adolescent pertussis (whooping cough) booster immunization (called “Tdap”). Proof of Tdap immunization must be documented on the Georgia immunization certificate (Form 3231).

Ask your pediatrician or local health department about other shots your child may need including:

- the human papillomavirus (HPV) series
- the tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis shot (Tdap or Td booster)
- an annual flu vaccine; and
- catch-up immunizations, including chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and hepatitis B.

If your child does not have health insurance or their health plan won't cover these vaccines, call your local health department and ask about getting no or low cost vaccines. For more information, visit the [Georgia Department of Public Health School Vaccine page](#) or call (800) 848-3868.

