



April 6, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The state of Texas recently made changes to the Immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year. These changes will eventually impact every student; **however, those students who will be impacted the most are current 6th graders.** Your student's immunization records will need to be updated as soon as possible so that all students will be in compliance with the new state regulations.

* **Tdap (combined tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis):** Students must have one dose of Tdap for entry into 7th grade if at least 5 years have elapsed since the last dose. For 8-12 grades, the Tdap is due ten years after the last tetanus shot was administered.

* **Varicella:** Two doses of varicella vaccine must be received after the first birthday. **7th grade students next year (2009-10 school year)** will be **required** to have two doses, and **8th grade students next year (2009-10 school year)** are **recommended** to have two doses of this vaccine.

* **Meningococcal:** One dose is required for 7th graders.

The first day of school is Monday, August 24, 2009. **Your child will be required to show proof of immunizations before picking up his/her fall schedule at Scoggins Middle School. Students will not be able to pick up their fall schedules if there are any immunizations missing. There will be no exceptions made for any student who returns without a current shot record.**

Please provide these revised Immunization records so that your child's school records may be updated. You may send the records to our clinic with your student, or you may fax them to our clinic at 469-633-5168.

For more information regarding these state-required changes, please go to: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/rulechange.shtm#adopted>.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 469-633-5158.

Sincerely,

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