



## SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

### ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

Get a jump-start on preparing your child for 6th grade by getting his/her immunizations up-to-date!

We are sharing this information with you today, so that you have plenty of time to schedule an appointment to update your child's immunizations with his/her medical provider before the start of the new school year.

**The Wisconsin State Department of Health requires the Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) **booster**, after 10 years of age for **all students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade**.

#### What is Tdap?

Tdap is a vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough).

#### Why is Tdap Required?

Pertussis is a serious disease. It is easily passed from person to person and cause outbreaks in schools. Wisconsin has experienced two state-wide outbreaks in the last 10 years. People who are ill with pertussis must stay home from work or school for at least five days. Rock county consistently has less than 75% of adolescents immunized for Tdap making it even more important to get immunized. Herd immunity should not be relied upon.

#### Where can you get more information?

Please visit the Centers for Disease Control's website: [cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap](http://cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap) for the most accurate and current information. You can also view your child's current immunization record on Skyward Family Access under Health Information.

After your child receives these immunizations, please email, or fax a copy of his/her updated immunization record to the school health office. Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions or to inquire about waivers.

**For students attending Cunningham or McNeel Intermediate in the fall** you can email your immunization record to Ms. Emily Ray at [eray@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:eray@sdb.k12.wi.us) or fax your immunization record to (608) 299-2760.

**For students attending Aldrich or Fruzen Intermediate in the fall**, you can email your immunization record to Ms. Kathi Ryczek at [kryczek@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:kryczek@sdb.k12.wi.us) or fax your immunization record to (608) 299-2179.

Sincerely,

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