

Attention Parents of Rising 6th Graders (current 5th graders)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Alabama Department of Public Health **REQUIRES** that ALL students 11 years and older entering the 6th grade in the fall of 2019 receive a **Tdap** (tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis) **vaccine**. (The law does not apply to students who will not be 11 or 12 years old entering the 6th grade on August 7, 2019.)

If your child needs the Tdap vaccine, the nurse at his/her school sent home a notification letter with your child this week. Please check his/her backpack or weekly folder.

Your child will need to go to his/her physician, a health department, or a clinic to receive this vaccine and an updated Immunization Card. *We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to schedule a check-up with your child's physician when you make an appointment for the administration of the **Tdap Vaccine**. Many children have not had a checkup since they received their last required school vaccines at age 4 or 5, so this appointment will allow the doctor to evaluate your child's growth and development and provides an opportunity for your child's doctor to discuss a variety of topics that are important at this age.

Please bring the Immunization Card to the nurse at your child's school. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Please remember that this vaccine is required, and your child must receive the **Tdap vaccine** and present an updated Immunization Card to the school nurse before the new school year or he/she will not be given a class schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact the nurse at your child's school.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Davis, RN
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