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Is your child ready for 6th grade?

A new immunization is now required for 6th grade entry, **beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.**

The new rule states that a booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children before entering 6th grade that are enrolled in public school, or by age 12 for those not attending public schools on or after August 1, 2008, if 5 years or more have passed since the last does of tetanus-containing vaccine.

Tdap is a combination vaccine that provides protection against three diseases: tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (commonly called whooping cough). Please contact your health care provider or local health department to schedule an appointment to receive this vaccine. There is no cost for the Tdap vaccine, although your health care provider may charge a small administration fee to give the vaccine.

Your child will need to **bring proof of vaccination** to the school on the first day of 6th grade. Acceptable proof of vaccination is a copy of the child's Certificate of Immunization. You will have 30 days from the first day of school attendance to present the required up-to-date immunization record for your child.

Do not delay! Make sure your child is ready and up-to-date on his/her immunization prior to the start of the 6th grade school year.

For more information, visit www.immunizenc.com.