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## Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an effort to better promote the health of all students in Oklahoma Middle Schools, changes have been made to include Tdap as a **required** vaccine for all students entering into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2011-2012 school year. Below is a list of the *required* and/or *recommended* immunizations for Oklahoma Middle School Students.

- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Vaccine)** is a *recommended* immunization at 11-12 years of age, but will be a **required** immunization in the 2011-2012 school year.

Below are recommended vaccines that your child may receive at your local health department or from your primary care provider.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox Vaccine)** A second dose of varicella vaccine is now *recommended* for all children who have never had Chickenpox Disease.
- **Meningococcal Vaccine** is *recommended* for all children at 11-12 years of age.
- **Human Papillomavirus** is *recommended* for females at 11-12 years of age and is now available for males at 11-12 years of age.

Immunizations can be updated through your private physician if they provide immunization services and if they have the specific vaccines available to their patients.

All vaccines mentioned above are also available at the County Health Department at no cost for students 18 years of age and younger who have Sooner Care, no health insurance or who have health insurance that will not pay for vaccines.

Students with health insurance that covers vaccine can still get the Tdap and Varicella vaccines at no cost from your County Health Department. The Meningococcal vaccine is also available to these students, but for a small fee to cover the cost of the vaccine.

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions regarding these vaccines. Vaccine Information Sheets are available at your County Health Departments.

Thank you,  
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