Sample Web Blurb for 6th Grade

New Immunization Requirement for 6th Grade Entry

Is your child ready?

A new immunization is now required for 6th grade entry, beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

A booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children attending public school who are entering the 6th grade on or after August 1, 2008, if five years or more have passed since their last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid.

Students **not** attending public school, (i.e., private, home-school, non-traditional schools) who are 12 years of age on or after August 1, 2008, are required to receive one booster dose of Tdap vaccine, if five years or more have passed since their last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid.

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 attendance to present the required up-to-date immunization record for your child. If proof of vaccination is not provided by the end of the 30 calendar day period the child will be suspended from school until he/she provides proof of immunization.

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**.

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