



## A Message from the School Nurses

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School Health Services | Office of Student Personnel Services  
Paramus Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has mandated that **children born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering Grade Six** shall have received one dose of the following vaccines.

1. **Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)** - If a child has received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entering the 6th grade he/she will not be required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DTP/TdaP or Td dose.
2. **Meningococcal vaccine** - If your child received this vaccine before their 10th birthday, they must be revaccinated to meet the immunization requirement.

**NOTE:** *\*Both vaccines must be given AFTER the child's 10th birthday and no later than 2 weeks after the 11th birthday.*

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services allows parents the option of waiting until their child turns eleven (11) to receive the above vaccines. The vaccination must be given no later than 2 weeks after he/she turns eleven (11).

All students who will be turning eleven (11) years old on or before September 1st of their 6th grade year must provide documentation of these two immunizations from their primary care provider on or before the start of the school year. All pupils are to be in compliance with the New Jersey immunization regulations in order to remain in school.

**Please have your Primary Health Care Provider complete the form below**, detach and return to the school nurse on or before September 1st of the current school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please call my office at 201-261-7800 ext. 3020. If you have already sent in the documentation that your child had the vaccines, please contact your child's school nurse to verify the vaccine dates. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Tiffany M. Goodson, Director of Student Personnel Services

cc:

Mr. Ryan Aupperlee, Principal, East Brook Middle School  
Dr. Deirdre Spollen-LaRaia, Principal, West Brook Middle School

Vaccination Verification

\*\*\*Must be completed by the physician.\*\*\*

Student Information			
Student's Name		Date of Birth	

Vaccination Information			
Required Vaccine #1	Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) booster	Recv'd on (M/D/YR)	
Required Vaccine #2	Meningococcal Vaccine	Recv'd on (M/D/YR)	

\*\*\*Both vaccines must be given AFTER the child's 10th birthday.\*\*\*

Primary Health Care Provider Certification			
Signature		Date	
Stamp of Primary Health Care Provider (Name/Address/Phone):			

\*\*\*Return this page to the School Nurse\*\*\*