



23 Pennsylvania Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07114

Dear parent/guardians of children entering the 6th grade in September:

The State of New Jersey requires that all students entering the 6th grade and born on or after January 1, 1997 receive Tdap and meningococcal vaccines before the first day of school as a 6th grade student as follows:

- Meningococcal vaccine: one dose; *Menactra* is the preferred vaccine
- Tdap: one booster dose given no earlier than the child's 10th birthday (Physicians administering *Adacel* may vaccinate your child at age 11. Those administering *Boostrix*, may vaccinate your child at age 10.)

Students who are 10 years old when entering 6th grade are required to get the vaccines within two weeks of their 11th birthday. Students who are transferring in from another state or country into 6th grade or higher must also meet the requirements.

Proof of immunization is required in order that the student may begin the 6th grade school year. Failure to have the immunizations will result in the child being excluded until the vaccinated/proof of vaccination.

Please contact your child's physician for either an appointment for the vaccinations or proof that your child has received the required vaccines. Proof of the immunizations, which indicates compliance with New Jersey's law (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4), must be submitted to the school nurse before the first day of school in September, 2015. You may use as proof the form below or a form that your child's physician supplies.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me at 973-642-0529 Ext. 42.

Karen Hannah, R.N.

Student Name (printed): _____

Date of Meningococcal Vaccine _____

Date of Tdap Vaccine _____

Physician's Signature _____ Date _____

Physician's Stamp:

05/2015