



Bruceton School



School Entry Immunization Requirements for 7th Graders

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child is entering 7th grade in the 2019-2020 school year, he or she must have these requirements met.

Students starting 7th grade must show proof they received a dose of Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) and a dose of the meningitis vaccine.

Please take your child to his or her health care provider for a routine adolescent check-up (well-child visit) to determine if your child's shots are current and meet the school entry requirements. If your child is missing shots, he or she can receive them during that visit. If you do not have a family doctor or health care provider, you may visit a local provider, your county health department, or a community health center for his or her immunizations. Your child will also need to have proof of a well-child exam (yearly physical) by a health care provider and a dental examination by a dentist (both need to be within the last 12 months).

Although Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is not required for 7th grade entry, the CDC recommends this anti-cancer vaccine for preteen boys and girls at age 11 or 12 so they are protected before ever being exposed to the virus. Every year, over 27,000 women and men are affected by a cancer caused by HPV. Most of these cancers are preventable by HPV vaccination at ages 11-12.

The adolescent immunization requirements will not only lengthen the time for which immunized students are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases, but also will lower their chances of passing diseases to classmates with weakened immune systems, children and infants, the elderly and others. Immunizations help keep adolescents healthy and prevent health problems as they grow older.

Vaccines save lives and protect our children. If your child has already received the required shots, then he or she is a step ahead of the class.

Thank you,

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