

Runnemede Public Schools

Mary E. Volz School



From the Desk of the School Nurse

IMPORTANT NOTICE

***NOTIFICATION FOR NEXT YEAR...Please READ carefully**

June 2022

Dear Parents,

If you have received this letter, your **child is entering sixth grade** and is required by the State of New Jersey to receive the **Tetanus** and **Meningococcal** vaccinations **prior to returning to school in September**. These requirements are still required even during the ongoing pandemic. Pediatricians want parents to know that taking your child to the office will be safe and all cleaning measures are being performed as well as social distancing being enforced. Please call your child's pediatrician for a vaccine appointment immediately. **Vaccine appointments need to be done prior to September**. Vaccine appointments do not have to coordinate with the yearly physical exam. The following vaccines are required for school entry in September.

- **Meningococcal:** 1 dose is required for pupils age 11 and entering grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97.
- **Tetanus:** 1 dose is required for pupils age 11 and entering grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. A child is not required to have a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.

***Prior to September or on the 1st day of school (September 6th) you will need to:**

- **Provide the health office with a doctor's note** stating the dates that your child received the Tetanus and Meningococcal vaccinations.
- If your child has already received these vaccinations, please **obtain a copy** from your physician.
- If your child is turning 11 in September, please **make a doctor's appointment** with your pediatrician and **turn in an appointment card** stating that vaccines will be given at that appointment. (*Vaccine appointments MUST be made within 2 weeks of your child's September birthday.*)
- If you do not have a doctor for your child or are currently without medical insurance, **please email the nurse or contact the main office** to leave a message for the nurse. I will provide you with information on how to obtain vaccinations for your child.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely,

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