

**Attention: Parents of Graduating 5th Graders
The Tdap immunization is required for middle school!**



ALL INCOMING 6TH GRADERS NEED A TDAP IMMUNIZATION. This shot is generally given at ages 11-12 years and is in addition to the shots required when your child was in elementary school.

Tdap protects your child from getting or infecting others with whooping cough (babies are the most vulnerable). It also protects against tetanus and diphtheria.

State law requires that all 6th graders have this immunization along with those required for elementary school. The complete requirements are:

- 3 to 5 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) – depending on age started
- **1 Tdap**
- 3 or 4 Polio – depending on age started
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 2 Varicella (or documented history of chickenpox)

Parents often have concerns or want more information on children's immunizations and vaccine safety. A resource developed for parents with frequently asked questions about the safety and importance of vaccines can be located at: www.ImmunizeForGood.com.

Please make an appointment to get this done as soon as possible. Bring proof of the immunization to the school office before the start of school in August. Students that are not immunized may be excluded from school.

Where can you get your child immunized?

➤ **Your family doctor or pediatrician.**

El Paso County Health Department Immunization Clinic:

- 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., Suite 2044 Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (719) 578-3199, Ext. 5; Phone for an appointment. **Appointments are necessary.** *Bring shot record with child.* Straight Medicaid is accepted. Cash, checks, VISA/MasterCard are accepted, fees based upon insurance. In uninsured, it is \$21.50/shot or whatever parent can afford. No child will be turned away. **Must bring shot record.**
- **Peak Vista Community Health Center:** 2838 International Circle, **632-5700.** (You must be registered with Peak Vista to be seen there. If your child qualifies, they will assist you with registration).

Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students. Students, who do not meet the requirements above, may be excluded from school, according to the Colorado School Immunization law. Parents must submit a completed or in process Certificate of Immunization* **by the first day of school.**

Parents may sign yearly exemption forms based on religious, personal, or medical (needs physician signature) reasons. In the event of a VPD (vaccine preventable disease) outbreak, students with exemptions may be subject to quarantine and exclusion from school for weeks, in which case D-11 is not obligated to provide tutoring.