

March 25, 2013

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Illinois Department of Public Health has instituted a change in the Basic Immunization law Section 665.240. The law now states, “Students entering grades six (6) through twelve (12) who have not already received Tdap are required to receive one Tdap dose regardless of the interval since the last Dtap, DT, or Td dose.” This change results in increased immunization requirements for current sophomore and junior students. This law will be enforced beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

A copy of your child’s school health record is available on the Infinite Campus parent portal. Select the Health tab in the index at the left of the screen to see the complete immunization record on file with the school. The law change refers to the immunization listed as Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis [Tdap]; if the compliance status states “non-compliant,” then you will need to provide additional proof of immunization prior to registration in August. Please note that the vaccine listed as DTaP or DTP at the top of the list is NOT the same vaccine as Tdap which is required by this change in the law.

In order for your child to be considered compliant the word Tdap, Adacel, or Boostrix must be identified on their immunization record. Your child may have received the vaccine but it was not identified by the physician as a Tdap booster. In order to be compliant and allowed to enroll next fall, proof that your child has received the Tdap vaccine must be provided to the school nurse. Proof of the vaccine needs to list the date, time, and doctor’s signature on either letterhead or prescription pad or included on the completed school physical form. This information may either be brought to the school or faxed to the nurse’s office @ 847-755-6858.

Enclosed is a list of low cost immunization clinics in the area. You will not be able to register your child for the 2013-2014 school years until they are in compliance with the new state law. If you have any questions regarding this change or your child’s immunization requirements, please contact me at 847-755-6843.

Sincerely,

Janice Cluchey
Nurse