

Dear Parents/Guardians of Upcoming 7th Grade Students:

As you prepare for your student to enter 7th grade, we have important information regarding District vaccination requirements. The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires that all students entering 7th grade provide proof of receiving one dose of the **Tdap** (Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis) vaccine and one dose of the **MCV4** (meningococcal conjugate) vaccine prior to school attendance. If your student has already received these vaccinations, please be sure to provide your student's school with an up to date immunization record before the start of the 2023/24 school year. If you have already provided this record to school—thank you!

Please schedule an appointment for the required vaccines with your student's doctor or at a Philadelphia city health center. This will ensure that your student is able to attend school in the fall.

If your student is exempt from any immunization(s) for a medical, religious or philosophical/strong moral reason, you are required to complete and submit an Exemption Form before school starts in the fall. The form is available at <https://www.philasd.org/VAX>.

At the School District of Philadelphia, the safety and well-being of all students is a top priority. Our schools work hard to ensure compliance with the immunization laws. We can only accomplish this with your help. Updated records may be submitted by email (5vax@philasd.org), fax (215-400-4921), or dropped off in person at your student's school when schools reopen. Thank you for helping your student be prepared for 7th grade.

For your reference, a flyer outlining immunization requirements is attached. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your school nurse via email or visit <https://www.philasd.org/VAX>.

Sincerely,

Student Health Medical Advisor

cc: Principals

Assistant Superintendents