

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Hyde Park Central School District recognizes that we are experiencing challenging and uncertain times in the midst of COVID-19. Guidelines remain dynamic and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

In an effort to continue keeping our students safe, the immunization requirements for school attendance remain the same.

The New York State Education Department School Health Services has immunization requirements for students entering 6th and 7th grade.

All students who are **eleven** years old and entering the 6th grade in September must receive an immunization for Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis). They are also required to have on record 2 VZV (varicella) immunizations.

The Tdap immunization is **NOT** the DTaP immunization that your child received prior to kindergarten. Students who are entering 6th grade who are 10 years old are required to receive the Tdap within two weeks of their 11th birthday.

All students entering 7th grade are required to have the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine.

We urge you to either contact your family physician to schedule an appointment, or the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health Immunization Clinic, 29 N. Hamilton Street, Suite 109, in Poughkeepsie at 486-3409 for information regarding immunization clinics.

Thank you for your attention to this requirement.

Sincerely,

Susan Cerulli, RN

School Nurse