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To Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> Graders,

This is the second year that 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must receive a dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) before entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall.

Tetanus is contracted by a puncture or laceration of the skin with a dirty object. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that is especially dangerous to infants; and also becoming more common in adolescents and adults.

This vaccine can be received at the Health Department during the regular clinic times that follow:

Montpelier: 310 Lincoln Avenue (419) 485-3141  
Thursdays 1:00-4:30 pm and  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:00-6:30 pm

Bryan: 1399 E. High St. (419) 636-8754  
Tuesdays 1:00-4:30 pm  
Fridays 8:30 – noon

Cost is \$10.00. Medicaid is accepted; but not insurance, and no one is denied service for inability to pay.

If your student has received this vaccine anytime after they received their kindergarten immunizations, please send the date to the school; and another dose will not be required.

There are 3 other vaccines that are recommended for adolescents. If you have any questions about them, please call the Health Department or your doctor.

Tetanus vaccine is recommended for everyone every 10 years. Parents can also receive this vaccine when you bring in your 6<sup>th</sup> grader.

Sincerely,

Kristen Ewers, RN, BSN  
School Nurse