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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parent/Guardian of upcoming 6th Grade Students:

The State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has mandated that children born after January 1997 and entering 6th grade must receive a booster dose of Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus(TDAP) and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine. **Proof of vaccine documentation must be provided upon entry into 6th grade on September 7, 2023.**

1. ***Tdap*** – Every child born after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six shall have received one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10th birthday, provided 5 years have lapsed since the last dose.
2. ***Meningococcal vaccine*** - All children born after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade 6, shall have received one dose of meningococcal-containing vaccine when they turn 11 years of age.

Please Have your child's doctor complete the form below or provide a copy of your child's complete vaccination record. If your child's birthday is after the first day of school please provide a note from your child's doctor indicating the date of their upcoming appointment and that they will be receiving the required vaccines.

For questions regarding this notice, you can contact the nurse's office at 732-531-5630, ext:7010 before the end of the school year. School Nurse's Office FAX: 732-531-6561.

*****Make a copy for your records before mailing or bringing them back to school.*****

Thank you in advance for attention to this matter,

Karen Kasyjanski, BSN, CSN

Child's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Tdap Booster _____ **Meningococcal Vaccine :** _____

Physician's Signature & Stamp: _____

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Vaccine: *What You Need to Know*

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

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1 Why get vaccinated?

Tdap vaccine can prevent **tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis**.

Diphtheria and pertussis spread from person to person. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds.

- **TETANUS (T)** causes painful stiffening of the muscles. Tetanus can lead to serious health problems, including being unable to open the mouth, having trouble swallowing and breathing, or death.
- **DIPHTHERIA (D)** can lead to difficulty breathing, heart failure, paralysis, or death.
- **PERTUSSIS (aP)**, also known as “whooping cough,” can cause uncontrollable, violent coughing which makes it hard to breathe, eat, or drink. Pertussis can be extremely serious in babies and young children, causing pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage, or death. In teens and adults, it can cause weight loss, loss of bladder control, passing out, and rib fractures from severe coughing.

2 Tdap vaccine

Tdap is only for children 7 years and older, adolescents, and adults.

Adolescents should receive a single dose of Tdap, preferably at age 11 or 12 years.

Pregnant women should get a dose of Tdap during every pregnancy, to protect the newborn from pertussis. Infants are most at risk for severe, life-threatening complications from pertussis.

Adults who have never received Tdap should get a dose of Tdap.

Also, **adults should receive a booster dose every 10 years**, or earlier in the case of a severe and dirty wound or burn. Booster doses can be either Tdap or Td (a different vaccine that protects against tetanus and diphtheria but not pertussis).

Tdap may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

3 Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of any vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, or pertussis**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**.
- Has had a **coma, decreased level of consciousness, or prolonged seizures within 7 days after a previous dose of any pertussis vaccine (DTP, DTaP, or Tdap)**.
- Has **seizures or another nervous system problem**.
- Has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** (also called GBS).
- Has had **severe pain or swelling after a previous dose of any vaccine that protects against tetanus or diphtheria**.

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone Tdap vaccination to a future visit.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting Tdap vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.



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Health and Human Services**
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Pain, redness, or swelling where the shot was given, mild fever, headache, feeling tired, and nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomachache sometimes happen after Tdap vaccine.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

5 What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call **9-1-1** and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at **www.vaers.hhs.gov** or call **1-800-822-7967**. *VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff do not give medical advice.*

6 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Visit the VICP website at **www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation** or call **1-800-338-2382** to learn about the program and about filing a claim. There is a time limit to file a claim for compensation.

7 How can I learn more?

- Ask your health care provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call **1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO)** or
 - Visit CDC's website at **www.cdc.gov/vaccines**

Vaccine Information Statement (Interim)
Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria,
Pertussis) Vaccine



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Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine:

What You Need to Know

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1 Why get vaccinated?

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine can help protect against **meningococcal disease** caused by serogroups A, C, W, and Y. A different meningococcal vaccine is available that can help protect against serogroup B.

Meningococcal disease can cause meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and infections of the blood. Even when it is treated, meningococcal disease kills 10 to 15 infected people out of 100. And of those who survive, about 10 to 20 out of every 100 will suffer disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage, kidney damage, loss of limbs, nervous system problems, or severe scars from skin grafts.

Anyone can get meningococcal disease but certain people are at increased risk, including:

- Infants younger than one year old
- Adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years old
- People with certain medical conditions that affect the immune system
- Microbiologists who routinely work with isolates of *N. meningitidis*, the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease
- People at risk because of an outbreak in their community

2 Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

Adolescents need 2 doses of a meningococcal ACWY vaccine:

- First dose: 11 or 12 year of age
- Second (booster) dose: 16 years of age

In addition to routine vaccination for adolescents, meningococcal ACWY vaccine is also recommended for **certain groups of people**:

- People at risk because of a serogroup A, C, W, or Y meningococcal disease outbreak
- People with HIV
- Anyone whose spleen is damaged or has been removed, including people with sickle cell disease
- Anyone with a rare immune system condition called “persistent complement component deficiency”
- Anyone taking a type of drug called a complement inhibitor, such as eculizumab (also called Soliris®) or ravulizumab (also called Ultomiris®)
- Microbiologists who routinely work with isolates of *N. meningitidis*
- Anyone traveling to, or living in, a part of the world where meningococcal disease is common, such as parts of Africa
- College freshmen living in residence halls
- U.S. military recruits

3 Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**.

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone meningococcal ACWY vaccination to a future visit.

Not much is known about the risks of this vaccine for a pregnant woman or breastfeeding mother. However, pregnancy or breastfeeding are not reasons to avoid meningococcal ACWY vaccination. A pregnant or breastfeeding woman should be vaccinated if otherwise indicated.



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4 Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Redness or soreness where the shot is given can happen after meningococcal ACWY vaccine.
- A small percentage of people who receive meningococcal ACWY vaccine experience muscle or joint pains.

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Vaccine Information:

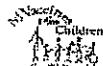


Vaccines are recommended throughout our lives based on age, lifestyle, occupation, locations of travel, medical conditions, and previous vaccines:

- ❖ The flu vaccine is recommended annually for everyone 6 months of age and older.
- ❖ Childhood vaccines protect against 14 serious diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib), hepatitis B, varicella, pneumococcal disease, hepatitis A, rotavirus, and influenza.
- ❖ Preteens and teens should receive vaccines to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap), human papillomavirus (HPV), meningococcal disease, and the seasonal flu. Health care providers should make sure adolescents are up-to-date with ALL of the recommended vaccines they might have missed as a child.
- ❖ Vaccines are recommended for adults to prevent diseases such as shingles, pneumococcal disease, hepatitis, and whooping cough.
- ❖ Every adult should get the Tdap vaccine once. Women should receive the vaccine *each time they are pregnant* to protect their babies against whooping cough. Adults should receive a Td booster shot every 10 years. Tdap may be given as one of these boosters if the individual has not already gotten a dose.

For more information:
www.cdc.gov/vaccines

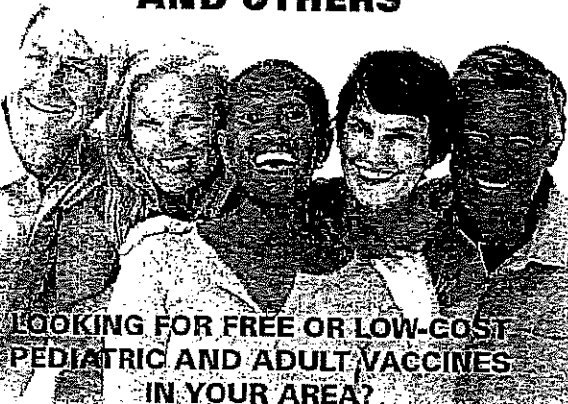
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AND OTHERS**



**LOOKING FOR FREE OR LOW-COST
PEDIATRIC AND ADULT VACCINES
IN YOUR AREA?**

CALL TODAY!

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Monmouth County Regional Health
Commission #1
1540 West Park Avenue
Ocean, NJ 07712
732-493-9520

Monmouth County Health Department
Immunization Clinic
3000 Kozlowski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-294-5458 or 732-431-7456
ext. 7658

VNACJ Community Health Center, Inc.
Keansburg Location
100 Main Street
Keansburg, NJ 07734
732-787-1250

VNACJ Community Health Center, Inc.
Asbury Park Location
1301 Main Street
Asbury Park, NJ 07712
732-774-6333

VNACJ Community Health Center, Inc.
Keyport Location
35 Broad Street
Keyport, NJ 07735
732-888-4149

VNACJ Community Health Center, Inc.
Red Bank Location
176 Riverside Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701
732-219-6620

Parker Family Health Center
211 Shrewsbury Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701
732-212-0777

Monmouth Family Health Center
270 Broadway
Long Branch, NJ 07740
732-923-7100 or 732-413-2030

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Ocean County Health Department
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08755
732-341-9700

Long Beach Island Health
Department
9306 Long Beach Boulevard
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008
609-492-1212

Center for Health Education,
Medicine, and Dentistry
1771 Madison Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
732-364-2144

Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.
Manahawkin Health Center
333 Haywood Road
Suite B
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
732-363-6655 or 609-489-0110

Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.
Lakewood Health Center
101 Second Street
Lakewood, NJ 08701
732-363-6655

Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.
Toms River Health Center
301 Lakehurst Road
Toms River, NJ 08755
732-363-6655 or 732-552-0377

Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.
Clifton Avenue Grade School
625 Clifton Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
732-363-6655

Ocean Health Initiatives, Inc.
Manchester Health Center
Lakehurst Circle Center II
686 Route 70
Lakehurst, NJ 08733
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