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Health Services Requirement Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to remind you of the New Jersey state immunization requirements for students entering sixth grade in September. We understand you may have concerns about meeting these requirements due to the current COVID crisis. It is important to remember that the CDC is advising that children stay up to date with their vaccine schedule to decrease their risk of preventable diseases. Please call your doctor to discuss how your child can receive the following immunizations while maintaining their good health.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis vaccine (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10)

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering grade six in September 2021 shall receive **one (1) Dose of Tdap** (*Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis*) given no earlier than their 10th birthday. Children entering or attending grade six on or after September 1, 2010, who received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entry or attendance shall notbe required to receive a Tdap dose until five (5) years has elapsed from the last DTP/Dtap or Td dose.

Meningococcal vaccine (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.20)

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending grade six on or after September 1, 2010, shall receive **one (1) dose of a meningococcal containing vaccine**, such as the medically preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

It is required that documentation of these two immunizations <u>or</u> the date/time of an appointment for your child to receive these immunizations (on doctor's script or letterhead) must be provided to the school nurse by August 10, 2021. Students who have not met either of these requirements will be excluded from school on September 1, 2021.

It is also recommended that students entering sixth grade have a physical examination due to the growth and development that occurs during this time. Health forms are available on the Roxbury School District website "Parent Resource" page. For your convenience, you can also access the site by clicking on the following link: <u>Resources / Forms</u>.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important health requirement. Please don't hesitate to contact the school nurse at <u>rkovacs@roxbury.org</u> with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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