

# Immunization Requirement for All Students Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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The Iowa Department of Public Health Immunization Program has made a change to the Iowa Administrative Code to require a Tdap vaccination for all adolescents entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade (approximately 13 years of age) to have one dose of the Tdap vaccine.

This requirement will help Iowa achieve and maintain high adolescent vaccination coverage levels while reducing the number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases occurring annually in Iowa.

As you schedule physicals for athletics or if you are in your physician's office this spring or summer, please ask about this booster vaccine. Documentation of the Tdap vaccine on the Certificate of Immunization will need to be provided to Mrs. Svare, the school nurse, prior to the first day of school.

If a Tdap was administered to your child on or after their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, this will meet the requirement.

If you are in need of financial assistance to obtain the vaccination, please contact The Iowa Department of Public Health for available resources at 1-319-741-6422.