



***Amador County Public Schools
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Dear Parent/Guardian of 6th Grade Student:

For the 2019-2020 school year, all students entering 7th grade, will need proof of an adolescent Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) and (2) two doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox) before starting school. By law, students who do not have proof of a Tdap booster vaccination and (2) Chicken Pox vaccinations will not be able to start school until proof is provided to the school. (The tetanus-diphtheria booster shot, Td only, will not meet the requirement.)

In order to make sure your child starts school on time:

Get your child's Tdap and Chicken Pox shot now.

A large number of students need a Tdap and (2) two Chicken Pox shots between now and the start of school next year. Make an appointment with your child's doctor or clinic for your child to get a Tdap booster and Chicken Pox vaccinations now. Avoid the back-to-school rush.

Bring the immunization record to the school as soon as you have it.

Don't wait until the first day of school to turn in your proof of immunization ...bring it to your elementary (or junior high) school office now. Students are not allowed to enter 7th grade classrooms until the office has verified immunization requirements have been met.

What about Personal Belief Exemptions?

Effective January 1, 2016, Personal Belief Exemptions are no longer valid according to California state law. Those students with a personal belief exemption will be required to get Tdap and Chicken Pox, *as well as all immunizations that were previously exempted* prior to the start of 7th grade. They will need to show proof of these immunizations to their school site prior to the first day of school. Students who do not have proof of these immunization will not be allowed to attend school until this documentation is received.

If you have any questions regarding school immunizations or the recent law changes, please do not hesitate to contact me at 257-5343.

Thank you for your help in ensuring all students meet these requirements prior to the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Donna Custodio
Director of Student Services