



Huntington Beach City School District Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian of a current 6th grade student:

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, all incoming 7th graders are required to meet immunization requirements for chickenpox (varicella) as well as whooping cough (pertussis) before they can attend classes. These requirements can be met through proof of 2 doses of the chickenpox vaccine and 1 dose of the whooping cough vaccine (known as Tdap).

A Tdap booster shot administered on or after the child's 7th birthday will meet this requirement. (Tdap, Adacel, Boostrix, DTap, or DTP are all accepted. The tetanus-diphtheria booster vaccine, Td, will not meet the requirement.)

Please Note: Your child may have already received these vaccines, but we may not have received a copy of updated records.

We want to make sure your child will be able to start school in September. We encourage you to:

If needed, get your child's Tdap and varicella immunization as soon as possible.

A large number of students need vaccines between now and the start of school in August. Avoid the back-to-school rush and make an appointment with your child's doctor to get the needed vaccines. Free immunization clinics for qualified families are available. Local pharmacies are also available to give the vaccinations for a fee.

Save your proof of immunization.

Be sure to keep the written proof of your child's varicella and Tdap booster vaccines. Your child will need to provide proof of immunization in order to start school.

Submit your proof of immunization now.

We encourage you to bring in proof of your child's vaccines to your current school before the end of this school year. We will also accept proof of immunization at 7th grade registration.

Medical exemptions may be granted by a physician; a physician's written note is required.

If you have any questions, please contact your school, Health Services, or visit shotsforschool.org.

Sincerely,

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