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Important Message for Parents of Sixth Grade Students: *Don't Wait – Immunize Now!*

In addition to all other required school immunizations, children entering *seventh* grade must have on file at school documentation of one dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap). The Tdap vaccine is typically given at 11 – 12 years of age.

If your child has not yet received the Tdap vaccine, please have your child immunized as soon as possible and return the necessary documentation – the Florida Certification of Immunization (DH 680 form) -- to your child's school. If your child already received the Tdap vaccine, please bring the new DH 680 form to your child's school as soon as possible.

Immunizations needed for school attendance may be received from your child's private doctor or *free of charge* at the Leon County Health Department. During the winter holidays from school, the Leon County Health Department will be providing two special immunization clinics targeting preteens needing immunizations for 7th grade entry. Please call the Leon County Health Department at (850) 606-8020 to schedule an appointment for one of the special clinics which will take place at the Roberts & Stevens Clinic, 1515 Old Bainbridge Road on

Thursday, December 29th 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 4th 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

All children receiving immunizations through the Health Department must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. When taking your child for immunizations, please bring a copy of your child's complete immunization record.