

Attention: Parents of Incoming 7th Graders

An immunization checkup is recommended before school starts this fall.

The West Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Vaccines for Children Program and local health departments are sponsoring the "7th Grade Vaccination Initiative" to help ensure that adolescents have an opportunity to receive their Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) and MCV (meningococcal / meningitis) shots before the next school year.

What can I do as a parent?

Schedule an appointment with your family doctor before school begins next year to see if your child is up-to-date on their Tdap & MCV shots. Some children may be missing one or both shots.

If your child is behind on these shots, the doctor will suggest getting the shots at that time.

If you are unable to take your child to your family doctor before school begins in the fall, your child will have their shot record reviewed during the first part of the school year to see if they need either shot. If they do need the shots, the local health department will give your child the shots either at school or at the local health department with your permission as was done with H1N1 last fall.



For more information on the 7th Grade Vaccination Initiative for the upcoming school year, call your local health department or school nurse.

