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To: School and Children's Facility Administrators

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Re: Additional Immunization Requirements for School Year 2008-2009



ADMINISTRATORS: Please make sure that appropriate staff receives this information!

Starting in Fall 2008, two additional vaccines will be required in Oregon:

- Seventh graders need one dose of Tdap if it has been at least five years since receiving their last Tetanus containing vaccine.
- One dose of Hepatitis A vaccine is required to start childcare, preschool, Head Start and kindergarten. A second dose is required by 12 months after the first dose.

New Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) forms are available with spaces for Hepatitis A and Tdap vaccines. However, you are not required to obtain a new CIS form for each student. Parents may write the Hepatitis A or Tdap immunization dates on the old CIS and re-sign the form, or you may collect the dates on separate forms. A sample letter to parents that may be customized is included in this mailing.

Please review the list of frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions, please contact your local health department or Stacy de Assis Matthews at 971-673-0528.

For electronic versions of the enclosed documents and customizable letters, please go to the following website and click on the links in the "New School and Childcare Immunization Requirements for 2008-2009" section: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/school>

Please see reverse side of this page for special information about Tdap for adults and if your school or children's facility uses an electronic tracking system for immunization assessment.

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Special reminder about Tdap for adults

Seventh graders aren't the only ones who should get Tdap. **All adults under 65 years of age, including school and daycare staff, are recommended to get one dose of Tdap vaccine.** Your health insurance may cover Tdap, and Tdap is also available at low cost in many clinics throughout Oregon as part of the statewide Tdap campaign. Check with your doctor, pharmacist, or local health department for more information and to see if you are due for Tdap.

Tdap and Hepatitis A: Hints for Schools and Children's Facilities Using Electronic Systems

Computer systems approved by the Oregon Immunization Program for assessing school immunization records are currently being updated to assess for the Tdap and Hepatitis A immunization requirements. These computer systems include EC Cares, eSIS, LBL, Medford, Nurses Aide, Pentamation, Salem-Keizer, SASI XP, SchoolMaster and ShotMinder.

- If you have a field for Hepatitis A in your computer system, you can enter Hepatitis A dates in this space now.
- If you have a field for Tdap in your computer system, you can enter Tdap dates there. If there is no field for Tdap but there are extra DTaP fields, you can enter Tdap dates in the extra spaces.
- If you do not have areas to enter Hepatitis A or Tdap, you must wait to enter these immunizations until your computer system is updated.

Some school computer systems will not be able to tell the difference between a Td vaccine and Tdap. If a student got a Td vaccine instead of Tdap before turning 10 years old, computer systems will assess this student as incomplete 5 years after the Td was given. If a student got Td after turning 10 years old, some computer systems will assess this student as complete for Tdap. Although it is not required, if this occurs, you may choose to contact the parent and let them know that their record indicates that Td was received instead of Tdap. The parent may want to contact the child's doctor or clinic to discuss receiving Tdap to get the added protection against Pertussis disease.

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