

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DIVISION OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS  
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO  
FLORIDA STATE SCHOOLS  
7<sup>th</sup> – 12th GRADES - **Tdap**

The Florida Law is requiring that students entering seventh through twelfth–grades receive a very specific form of the “Tetanus” vaccine. This vaccine is referred to as the **Tdap** (Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Vaccines). This requirement is in addition to the previous immunization requirements that are grade-appropriate. Recommendations for provision of the Tdap vaccine are in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Documentation from the student’s health care provider should specify that the student has gotten the Tdap vaccine on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (680 form). If documentation does not specify the Tdap vaccine, the parent/guardian will be asked to return the form to the health care provider for clarification.

Students who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical contraindications must present a permanent medical exemption from the medical provider on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (680 form).

Three additional vaccines are not mandated, but parents are encouraged to discuss them with their child’s physician. These are: the meningococcal meningitis vaccine, Hepatitis A series, and the HPV vaccine series (now approved for both males and females).

If you have Private Health Insurance or Medicaid, contact your Physician or Health Care Provider. If you do not have Private Health Insurance or Medicaid contact the Florida Department of Health, Hillsborough County Immunization Clinic for further information.

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