

New 7th Grade Immunization Requirement

Dear Parents/Guardian of 7th Grade Students,

Our district recently received health information from the Summit County Health District, Director of Nursing of Clinical Programs, regarding a new vaccine requirement for 7th grade entry. Please read the following information regarding this new requirement.

This year, 2010, is the first year Ohio will require a tetanus booster prior to 7th grade entry. During the end of this school year and over the summer, Summit County Health District will offer several vaccination opportunities for students and their parents.

Tetanus vaccine is one of several vaccines recommended for adolescents and is ideally provided in the office of the child's medical provider as part of an adolescent examination; however, we recognize that this may not be possible for every family before September 2010.

The Summit County Health District will provide tetanus vaccine in several settings including their health district clinics, some schools, and at a back-to-school event at the John S. Knight Center. Vaccines will be provided for a vaccine administration fee of \$14.00. Sliding scale fees are available for families who cannot afford the administration fee; no one will be refused an immunization due to lack of ability to pay. The health district will be able to bill Medicaid and Medicaid HMOs.

The Health District will provide additional staffing on Wednesday afternoon/evenings at their main clinic site, 1100 Graham Road Circle, Stow, 44224 (next to the Red Lobster) during the months of May, June, July and August. Families may call 330.926.5681 for an appointment.

Finally, there will be a Back to School event at the John S. Knight Center on Saturday, August 21. Immunizations will be included in the services available at that event.