

**URGENT**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pertussis/Varicella/Polio**  
**Immunization Requirements**

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about changes in the immunization requirements for New York School Attendance in Sixth Grade as shown in Public Health Law Section 2164. **The school must be provided with acceptable proof of immunity. Failure to provide this proof may lead to exclusion from school.** The key points regarding the requirements of the law and its implementation for September are as follows:

1. Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade on or after September 1st, 2017 and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap). This immunization may be given at 10 years of age.
2. 10-year-old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2017 will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccine and will not be excluded from school, but they must be flagged, tracked and immunized when they reach the age of 11.
3. Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2017/2018 school year will need 2 doses of Varicella vaccine.
4. Students will need 4 doses of Polio regardless of age prior to 6<sup>th</sup> grade entry in the 2017/2018 school year.

Your private health care provider should be able to review your child's immunization record and advise you on making sure your child is adequately immunized for entry into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please have your health care provider complete the enclosed form and return it to the School Nurse in your child's building. **This means that if your records are complete before the end of the school year they should be sent to the elementary school your child is attending. If they are completed over the summer they should be sent to the Middle School Health Office prior to the first day of classes.** If you have any questions you may contact your child's school nurse. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Dear Provider:

As you are no doubt aware, on September 1, 2016 changes in the immunization requirements for New York State school entry into 6<sup>th</sup> grade related to Hepatitis B, varicella, polio, and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccines became effective and must be implemented. Please furnish the information needed on the lower half of this form. The key points regarding the requirements of Public Health Law 2164 are listed below for your reference. Thank you.

1. Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade or a comparable age-level education school program on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap). (This includes new enterers in grades 7-12).
2. 10-year-old students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccine and will not be excluded from school, but they must be flagged, tracked and immunized when they reach the age of 11
3. Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2017/2018 school year will need 2 Varicella vaccines.
4. Students will need 4 doses of Polio vaccine regardless of age.

**Please fill out below or attach the student's immunization record:**

This child \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student name)

Received the Tdap vaccine on \_\_\_\_\_ Adacel or Boostrix (circle one)  
(date)

Received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Varicella vaccine on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Fourth dose of Polio vaccine received on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Third dose of Hepatitis B Vaccine given on \_\_\_\_\_ (must be at a  
minimum of 6months of age).

Provider's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Sign and Stamp**