



School District of Cambridge
403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge

Dear Families:

As a school nurse, I want to remind you of the importance of getting your child vaccinated before they come back to school this fall. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your child from a number of serious diseases, including cancers caused by HPV.

As you are making your back-to-school checklist for your preteen, I encourage you to make sure your children get all the vaccines that are required/recommended for them. Schedule your child's appointment today to ensure they are up-to-date on the vaccines they need. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommend your child receive the following vaccines:

- One dose of Tdap vaccine is **required** for preteens as they **enter 7th grade** to continue providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 for protection against bacteria that cause meningococcal disease, a very serious illness which can lead to death in as little as 48 hours. A second shot is recommended for teens at age 16 to continue providing protection.
- HPV vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 to protect against cancers and other diseases caused by HPV infection. Both boys *and* girls should receive three doses of HPV vaccine to protect against these serious diseases. Your preteen should receive the second dose a month or two after the first dose, and the third dose six months after the first dose.
- Preteens and teens should also get the flu vaccine every year, ideally as soon as the vaccine is available.

The State of Wisconsin requires a Tdap booster for school entry by the 30th day of 7th grade; to learn more about state immunization requirements, go to: www.immunize.org/laws or see the chart below:

Required Immunizations for the 2023-2024 School Year

Age/Grade	Required Immunizations (Number of Doses)							
5 months through 15 months	2 DTP/DTaP/DT		2 Polio			2 Hep B	2 Hib	2 PCV
16 months through 23 months	3 DTP/DTaP/DT		2 Polio	1 MMR		2 Hep B	3 Hib	3 PCV
2 years through 4 years	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		3 Polio	1 MMR	1 Var	3 Hep B	3 Hib	3 PCV
Kindergarten through grade 6	4 DTP/DTaP/DT		4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B		
Grade 7 through grade 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	1 Tdap	4 Polio	2 MMR	2 Var	3 Hep B		

Protect your preteen and talk with your child's clinician about what vaccines they need. Please reach out to your child's provider or your school district's school nurse for more information. You may also learn more about adolescent vaccines, please visit CDC's Vaccines for Preteens and Teens website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens.

Sincerely,

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