



Cherokee County School District

Important Announcement

September 1 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

MUSC-Hollings Cancer Center Mobile vaccine van will be coming to our **Middle Schools on October 3rd and October 4th 2023.** This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to receive two important vaccines. We encourage you to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to get your child vaccinated.

Two vaccines will be made available to all middle schoolers (with parent consent)

(For students with Medicaid based insurance and/or no health insurance)

1. **Tdap-** This is a **state required** school vaccine for all rising 7th graders. The Tdap vaccine prevents against pertussis, diphtheria and pertussis. If you child has not received a Tdap booster, make plans for he/she to receive in October.
2. **HPV-** This is an optional vaccine but strongly recommended. The HPV vaccine prevents several different cancers later in life.

***The HPV vaccine will also be available as a second dose for any student that received the initial first dose in April 2023.**

If you want your child to receive either vaccine, please complete the attached MUSC Vaccine Consent forms and return them to your child's school nurse **no later than Tuesday, September 26 2023.** For your child to receive either of the vaccines, your consent is required.

You are welcome to visit the MUSC mobile van during the times below. You may also come with your child if he/she gets vaccinated. However, this is not a requirement as long as you submit the consent form.

MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Van Schedule:

October 3 2023

- Blacksburg Middle School from 9:00-10:00
- EWING Middle School from 10:30-11:30

October 4 2023

- Gaffney Middle School from 9:00-10:00



Please contact the school nurse at your child's school if you have questions.

Thank you,
School Health Services

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