

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENTERING THE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IN AUGUST OF 2009.**

On March 5, 2009 the Executive Commissioner on Health and Human Services approved several revisions to the “Immunization Requirements for Children and Students in Texas Public and Private Schools.

**VARICELLA VACCINE:** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday. A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian) or physician attesting to a child’s positive history of varicella disease (chicken pox) or of varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.

**TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND ACELLULAR-CONTAINING PERTUSSIS VACCINE (TDAP):** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine. Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap only if it has been five years since the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.

**MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE:** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

If you have any questions please call me at 817-949-4413. If you have immunizations done prior to the end of the school year please bring me proof of inoculation so that I can update your child’s school records so they will be ready to enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Thank you,  
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