

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For 7th grade parents

Summary: Tennessee/WCS Immunization Requirements For School

An updated Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization reflecting adequate immunization status must be brought to your child's school prior to your child being allowed to 7th grade.

Children entering 7th grade:

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster ("Tdap")
- Verification of immunity to varicella (2 doses or history of disease)

**Please make sure Box E "Complete 7th grade or higher", which is in the bottom left corner on the immunization form, is checked.*

Children with medical or religious exemption to requirements:

- Medical: Healthcare provider must indicate which specific vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk of harm) on the new form. Other vaccines remain required.
- Religious: WCS requires a signed notarized statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination conflicts with their religious tenets or practices. If documentation of a health examination is required, it must be noted by the health care provider on the immunization certificate. In that case, the provider may explain the absence of immunization information by checking that the parent has obtained a religious exemption.

Tennessee Department of Health Rule Chapter 1200-14-1-.29

The Tennessee Department of Health immunization schedule as of July 2010 may be located at the TDOH website: <http://health.state.tn.us/CEDS/required.htm>