



7TH GRADE Tdap

Tdap is required for middle school students.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization law has changed the requirement that all students entering the 7th grade receive a booster dose of **Tdap vaccine** for the start of 2023-2024 school year. To be compliant with school law, parents must provide their child's school with proof of immunization or claim a waiver.

Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) are very serious diseases. The Tdap vaccine can protect adolescents and adults from these diseases.

Pertussis starts out like a common cold, but within 1-2 weeks may cause violent coughing fits that can last **100** days.

Why is it important?

Pertussis is a serious disease. It is easily passed from person to person and can cause outbreaks in schools.

When should they get the vaccine?

Have your child immunized well in advance of school opening to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices.

Where can I get the Tdap vaccine for my child?

Tdap is available from your child's medical provider, or the Rusk County Health Department.

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