



From the desk of the School Nurse  
Blanchester Local Schools

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***Dear Parent of Current Sixth Grader,***

According to Ohio state law, your current sixth grader is required to have updated immunizations before the beginning of the school year in the fall of 2023. The current law requires the **Tdap** vaccine, which provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough), and the **meningococcal** vaccine, which provides protection from meningitis. In addition, there are several other vaccines available for the pre-teen that you may consider for your child.

An updated and current immunization record will be required for each incoming seventh grade student at the start of the school year in the fall. In order to be in compliance with Ohio law, students who do not have updated immunizations by the fall deadline (which is 14 days after the start of school) will not be permitted to attend school. **Please consider avoiding the back to school rush and have your child vaccinated now!**

The Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) is a valuable resource for immunizations. Please call the CCHD at 937-382-7221 for an appointment if you wish to take advantage of their services.

Please feel free to call if you have questions about the vaccine requirements. Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer!

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