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## ATTENTION PARENTS:

New state requirements as of 2016/2017 year mandate - All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade are **REQUIRED** to receive vaccines. Please see below for specific requirements.

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

- Tdap
- Meningococcal

### 12<sup>th</sup> grade

- Meningococcal

#### About the Tdap vaccine

- Babies and little kids get shots called DTaP to protect against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- As kids get older, the protection from DTaP shots start to wear off putting your teen at risk for serious illness.
- This Tdap booster helps protect your child from the illnesses discussed.

#### About the Meningococcal vaccine

- The Meningitis disease can cause blindness, loss of limbs, and even death.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk of getting the disease.
- Comes on quickly and without warning, with symptoms similar to the flu.
- The two most severe and common illnesses include infections of the fluid and lining around the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (septicemia and bacteremia).

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*: If your child does not receive the necessary immunization within 15 school days from the start of the school year, the school does have the right by law to exclude your child from attending. Please make an appointment with your family physician or Hancock Public Health (419.424.7441) as early as possible to avoid any delay in scheduling.**

Any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 419-424-7441.

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