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Dear Parents,

In April 2018, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) changed the minimum recommended age for the tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) adolescent booster vaccine from 10 to 11 years. As a result, a routine adolescent booster dose of Tdap should not be administered to students younger than 11 years of age.

To align with current ACIP recommendations, the 2019 General Assembly passed HB 2215 that changes the grade in which students receive Tdap vaccine from sixth to seventh grade.

**Students who received a Tdap immunization at age ten, before entering sixth grade, will not need another Tdap vaccine to enter seventh grade.**

CDC also recommends all 11- through 12-year-olds should get a 2-shot series of HPV vaccine and all 11- through 12-year-olds should get one shot of meningococcal conjugate vaccine. These vaccines are available at your pediatrician and the local health department.

This legislation becomes effective July 1, 2019, and amends the [\*Code of Virginia § 32.1-46.A.4\*](#) so that it will require: *“A minimum of three or more properly spaced doses of acellular pertussis vaccine. One dose shall be administered on or after the fourth birthday. A booster dose shall be administered prior to entry into the seventh grade.”*

Questions should be directed to Marshall Vogt, Epidemiologist, Virginia Department of Health, by telephone at (804) 864-8076, or email at [Marshall.Vogt@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Marshall.Vogt@vdh.virginia.gov), or Tracy White, School Health Specialist, Virginia Department of Education, by telephone at (804) 786-8671, or email at [Tracy.White@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Tracy.White@doe.virginia.gov), or your local school nurse.

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