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Tdap Vaccination for 7th Graders

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Next year **ALL** children entering 7th grade at both Pine School and Holtville Middle School must show proof of **tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** vaccination before the first day of school.

Vaccine and Disease Information

The Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). The vaccine is recommended for all children 11 years and older. Everyone 11 years old and older should get a Tdap in place of one tetanus booster.

Whooping cough causes mild to severe coughing spells and can last for months. The coughing spells can make it hard to eat, drink, and even breathe. Pertussis can also cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death. Pre-teens (and adults) should make sure they get the Tdap vaccine because they can easily spread whooping cough to friends and family members, like babies and younger siblings, who are more likely to suffer severe complications if they get pertussis.

Talk to your child's doctor, nurse, clinic, or the Imperial County Health Department for more information on the Tdap vaccine.

Sincerely,

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Vacuna Tdap para Grado 7

Estimados Padres o Guardian:

El proximo año **TODOS** los alumnos entrando al grado 7 de la Escuela Pine y de Holtville Middle School deben entregar comprobante de las vacunas **difteria, tetano, refuerzo contra tosferina (Tdap)** antes de el primer día de clases.

Vacuna e Informacion sobre Enfermedad:

La vacuna Tdap protege contra el tetano, difteria y tosferina. La vacuna es recomendada para todos los niños de 11 años de edad y mayores. Todos los niños de 11 años o mas deben de obtener una vacuna Tdap en lugar del (Td) refuerzo contra tosferina.

La tosferina causa leve a severos ataques de tos y puede durar varios meses. Los ataques de tos pueden causar dificultades para comer, tomar y hasta respirar. Tosferina tambien puede causar pulmonia/neumonia, ataques/convulsiones, daño cerebral y muerte. Preadolescentes (y adultos) deben obtener la vacuna Tdap porque facilmente pueden contagiar la tosferina a amigos y familiares, como bebes y hermanas/os menores quien son mas probables de sufrir complicaciones severas si les da tosferina.

Hable con su doctor, enfermera, clinica o visite el Departamento de Salud del Valle Imperial para mas informacion sobre la vacuna Tdap.

Sinceramente,

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Enfermera de HUSD