

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

September 2008

Dear Parent/Guardians of 5th Grade Students,

The State of New Jersey has made 2 additions to the immunization requirements for students born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending grade 6 in September 2009. The new requirements are:

- One dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10th birthday, provided that at least 5 years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.
- One dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine. This also applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and are attending grade 6.

We are providing written notification of the new vaccine requirements to parents of all students who are currently in grade 5, so that they will have time to arrange for the vaccine injections over the course of the next several months, well in advance of the September deadline. Please contact your private physician or clinic as soon as possible in order to arrange for the vaccinations before school begins in September.

Written proof of the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines, as required by state law and the Morris School District Board of Education, must be submitted to your school Health Office before the first day of school in September 2009.

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in your child's exclusion from school in September 2009, until the requirements are met.

Please send written evidence of the new vaccine requirements to the nurse at your child's present school. **If sending it during the summer, please send it to the nurse at Frelinghuysen Middle School.**

Thank you for your cooperation. Working together, we can have all of our children properly immunized by September 2009.

If you have questions, please contact your school nurse at _____.

Sincerely,

The Morris School District Nursing Staff