

# 2016-17 Immunization Requirements

Shawano Menominee Counties Health Department



## Required

### Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap)

Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) is an improvement to the old Td booster because it adds protection from whooping cough while still maintaining protection from tetanus and diphtheria

This vaccine is required for students entering 6th - 12th grades in the fall of 2016 - 2017. If your child will be entering grades 6 - 12 and already received a tetanus-containing vaccine (i.e. Td vaccine within the last 5 years), your child is compliant and Tdap vaccine is not required.

### Chickenpox

A two-dose chickenpox vaccine (varicella) is required for students entering K - 12th grade. The addition of a second dose of chickenpox will provide protection from breakthrough disease in children who only received one dose of chickenpox vaccine. If your child has history of the disease, the vaccine is not required.

\*\*\* Since October 1, 2012, local health departments are no longer able to administer state supplied vaccines to children that have private insurance that includes coverage for immunizations. Parents should check their health insurance policies to determine if it covers immunizations. If coverage exists, your child's immunizations should be scheduled with your physician or clinic. For more information or to make an appointment if you have no insurance or if your insurance does not cover immunizations, please contact the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department at 715-526-4808. A \$5.00 administration fee may be requested per vaccine at health department immunization clinic.

## Recommended

### Meningococcal Disease

Meningococcal meningitis is a very serious infection of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. Meningococcal bloodstream infection can cause loss of an arm or leg or even death. It is spread by respiratory secretions. This vaccine is recommended for children 11 - 12 years old and a booster dose is recommended at age 18.

### Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV is a common virus that is spread through sexual contact. HPV is most common in people in their teens and early 20s. IT is the major cause of cervical cancer in women and may cause genital warts in men. The HPV vaccine protects against the types of HPV that most frequently cause cervical cancer and genital warts in females and genital warts in males. This vaccine is recommended for females aged 11 - 26 years and is recommended for males aged 11 - 21 years. HPV vaccine is most effective when given before exposure to HPV through sexual contact. These vaccines may be obtained through your physician or the Shawano Menominee Counties Health Department by appointment