

# NEW 7TH GRADE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

All students born on or after January 1, 2002 and entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade in Georgia need proof of an adolescent pertussis (whooping cough) booster vaccination (called “Tdap”) and an adolescent meningococcal vaccination (“MCV4”). Proof of both vaccinations must be documented on the Georgia Immunization Certificate (Form 3231).

## Who is affected by the new 7th grade vaccination requirements?

All Georgia public and private schools are affected by the law, excluding homeschool students.

## Are students transferring into 8th through 12th grades (from either out of state or within Georgia) subject to the new 7th grade vaccination requirements?

Yes, all **new entrants** are subject to the new Tdap and meningococcal vaccination requirements. A **new entrant** is defined as: any child entering any school in Georgia for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than twelve months or one school year.

## What vaccines are necessary to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> grade vaccination requirement?

| Tdap Requirement               |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Meets the Requirement          | Vaccine   | When given?   |
| YES, meets the requirement     | Tdap (Adacel, Boostrix)   | Given on or after the 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday  |
| YES, meets the requirement     | DTaP (TriHiBit, Pediarx, Daptacel Infanrix, Tripedia Pentacel Kinrix)   | In adolescents (aged 11-18 years) who inadvertently receive a pediatric DTaP, that dose should be considered the adolescent Tdap and <u>does</u> meet the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade requirement |
| NO, does not meet requirement. | Tdap (Adacel, Boostrix)   | Given before the 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday   |
| NO, does not meet requirement. | Td; DT; DTaP or DTP given before the 7 <sup>th</sup> birthday; History of pertussis disease; results of blood tests for immunity to pertussis |   |
| Meningococcal Requirement      |   |   |
| Meets the Requirement          | Vaccine   | When given?   |
| YES, meets the requirement     | MCV4 (Menactra, Menveo)   | Given on or after the 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday   |
| NO, does not meet requirement  | MCV4 (Menactra, Menveo)   | Given before the 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday  |
| NO, does not meet requirement  | MPSV4 (Menomune)  |   |
| NO, does not meet requirement  | History of meningitis; Results of blood tests for immunity to meningitis  |   |

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends Tdap for preteens at ages 11 or 12 years and meningococcal vaccine for preteens 11-12 years of age. For more information, visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm> or contact the GA Immunization Office at 404-657-3158.