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*"Working towards a healthy and safe Putnam County"*

Dear Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent,

As a reminder, all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2022-2023 school year are required to have one dose of both a Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine for entry into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. There are other vaccines that are equally important and recommended.

Tdap vaccine protects against three diseases with one dose.

- Tetanus causes painful muscle spasms, usually all over the body.
- Diphtheria causes breathing problems, and could cause death.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough) can be a very serious disease, especially for infants as it causes severe coughing spells and can cause death. Pertussis is spread through the air and is highly contagious. It is most commonly spread to infants from teens and adults that are close to them.

MCV4 (Meningitis) vaccine protects against four strains of Meningitis (A, C, W, Y).

- Meningitis is spread by coughing and sneezing of infected secretions. Teens are at increased risk for this bacterial infection because of their social behaviors. Meningitis can kill a healthy person in less than 48 hours. Survivors can have serious problems that last the rest of their lives.

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) – two dose series protects against HPV disease.

- 4 out of 5 unvaccinated people will get HPV in their lifetime
- Protects males and females against related cancers and genital warts.
- Better immune response when given at this age

**Please consider scheduling an appointment early.** August is typically very congested with full clinics, so please do not delay.

The health dept. will not be doing Scoliosis screening on middle school students in the school. If you want your child screened for scoliosis while they are here for immunizations, please let us know that when you schedule.

If you have any questions or to schedule an appointment, please call the health department at 419-523-5608.

Sincerely,  
Putnam County Health Department



Our mission is to protect, promote and improve the health, safety and quality of life of the Putnam County community.