

MARTIN J. RYERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Effective September 1, 2008, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services requires every child born on or after January 1, 1997, entering or attending Grade 6, to receive one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) to be given no earlier than the 10th birthday. Additionally, one dose of meningococcal vaccine is also required to enter Grade 6.

If your child has recently received vaccinations, I would advise you to phone your Primary Care Provider to obtain a copy of their record. Your child's Primary Care Provider will determine what vaccines have previously been given and those that are now needed to meet this State requirement.

Students who do not present proof of vaccination prior to or by the first day of school may be excluded from school until vaccinations are completed and a record has been submitted to the school nurse. For your convenience you may bring this form to your Primary Care Provider and have him/her complete the bottom section with dates of administration, doctor's signature and office stamp.

If the vaccinations are scheduled during the summer, you may send the documentation directly to me via regular mail to the address above. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please do not hesitate to contact me at (973) 962-7063 Ext. 27 during school hours or via email at [castrom@njrps.org](mailto:castrom@njrps.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maria R. Castro, RN-BSN-CSN  
Ryerson Middle School Nurse

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tdap Booster Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meningococcal Vaccine Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Care Provider's Signature and Stamp:** \_\_\_\_\_