

DATE: July 29, 2020

TO: Parents of Rising 7th Grade Students

FROM: Lancaster County Schools and Lancaster County Health department

SUBJECT: **Pertussis Vaccination Requirement for 7th Graders**

State law requires all students entering 7th grade receive a booster dose of pertussis-containing vaccine regardless if learning is in classroom or virtual. This means **all rising 7th graders will need a dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine before they can start 7th grade.** The vaccine may be obtained from your child's physician or your local health department.

If your child has already received this vaccination, please send a copy of the vaccination record to the school.

If your child has not received this vaccination, and you would like him/her to be vaccinated at school, the Health Department will be providing the required immunization at a drive-thru clinic at **Lancaster Middle School on September 2, 2020 from 10 to 12 at no cost** to the student / family.

If your child has private insurance/FAMIS/Medicaid you will need to bring his/her insurance card or a copy of the front and back of the insurance card. VDH is required to bill for the service if you have medical coverage. If your coverage does not pay for the service, you will not be responsible for the charges.

Vaccine is limited and will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

For protection against COVID-19 virus **EVERYONE** is asked to wear a mask and remain in their vehicle. Ensure your child is wearing clothing that allows their arm to be easily accessible.

If you are unable to bring your child, and another adult will bring them, we will need written authorization from you stating that you allow (name of person) to consent for your child to receive the type of vaccine (Tdap), including date and your written name and signature.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kellum (school nurse) at 462-5100 EXT 3037.