



March 18, 2010

Dear parent/guardian of 6<sup>th</sup> grade student,

As you may or may not know, next year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine prior to the start of the school year. This is a new requirement from the Ohio Department of Health for the 2010 - 2011 school year. To assist parents in meeting this requirement, the Erie County Health Department will be coming to your child's school to administer this vaccine. If you wish your child to receive the vaccine on the scheduled date complete the permission slip when it is sent home and return to school by the date below.

Only students who have the signed permission slip on the date of the clinic will be immunized. There will be a cost to each student of \$10.00. We will bill insurance that pays for vaccines. Otherwise, cash or credit cards will be accepted.

**SCHOOL: Bogart Elementary**

**DATE of CLINIC: May 17**

**RETURN SLIP BY: May 10**

Though Tdap is the only required vaccine for your adolescent, there are a number of other vaccines that are recommended. Unfortunately, we are not able to bring any of the recommended vaccines to our school based clinics. However, they are available at any of our Public Health Outreach Clinic sites, where an additional \$25.00 administration fee is charged for immunizations.

The following are a list of the vaccines recommended for adolescent children.

- **Meningitis (MCV4)** – one dose to protect against meningitis. Teens are at increased risk for this bacterial infection. Meningitis can kill a healthy person in less than 48 hours. Survivors can have serious problems that may continue the rest of their life.
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus)** -3 dose series of shots that is recommended for both males and females. It protects against cervical cancer and genital warts. HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer. It is the cause of genital warts in males and females.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** - 2 doses to protect against chicken pox, if not already immune from disease. This disease causes fever and pustules and can lead to serious health issues in teens.

If you have any questions or concerns about these or any other vaccines, please call the health department at (419) 626 5623, ext 109.

Respectfully,

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