



## REMINDER

### *Important Message to Parents with Adolescents Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

### **Immunization Requirements**

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all adolescents entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have the following immunizations:

- **One (1) dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) vaccine**
- **Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine**
- **Two (2) doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine**
- **Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine**  
**Two (2) doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine received or a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.**
- **One (1) dose of Meningococcal Conjugate (Meningitis) vaccine**
- **One (1) dose of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine**

All children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations as well as have a physical exam.

#### **Important reminder about flu vaccination:**

An annual influenza (flu) vaccination is **RECOMMENDED** for all students. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Be sure to ask your doctor about flu vaccine.

**For more information, please visit:** [www.health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools](http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools)