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Dear 5th and 6th Grades Parents and Guardians,

RE: UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR TDAP IMMUNIZATIONS FOR 7TH GRADE

This letter is to alert you of the Updated Tdap immunization guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in April, 2018. The guidelines state,

“For persons 7-10 years of age who receive a dose of Tdap as part of the catch-up series, an adolescent Tdap vaccine dose should also be administered at 11 through 12 years of age. In addition, for children 7-10 years of age who are fully vaccinated, if Tdap is administered inadvertently (before age 11), the Tdap dose should not be counted as valid. The adolescent Tdap dose should be administered as recommended when this child is 11 through 12 years of age.”

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Health, **ALL STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH GRADE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** will be expected to have the required Tdap dose at 11-12 years of age. Those not meeting this immunization schedule will risk exclusion from attending school.

Please review your child’s immunization record to determine if they need to have the Tdap re-administered. If the immunization was before 11 years old, please schedule an appointment with your family physician.

If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Christie by email at anita.christie@sparksd.org or by phone at 412-655-3111 extensions 3000 or 3001.