

## **School Immunization Law New Tdap and Varicella Immunization Requirements for Students**

Last year the Wisconsin Student Immunization law was changed. Two different vaccine requirements were added which may affect your child's compliance with the law. The vaccine requirements are being phased-in until all intended grades are covered. The grade requirements advance two grades each year. Parents are required to have their child vaccinated or claim a waiver.

### **New Requirements for the 2009-2010 School Year**

- 1 dose of **tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap)** for students entering **6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade** and
- 2 doses of **varicella (chickenpox) vaccine** for students entering **Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade**.

Please note that all students entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> are now expected to meet the Tdap requirement and all students entering K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> are now expected to meet the Varicella requirements. Students entering 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade were required to be in compliance last year so this information is being directed at the grades indicated in the "bulleted" area above.

### **Exceptions to the Tdap and varicella vaccine requirements**

- Tdap vaccine – If your child will be entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and already received a tetanus-containing vaccine (eg. Td vaccine) within the last 5 years, your child is compliant and the Tdap vaccine is not required.
- Varicella vaccine – If your child had chickenpox disease, even after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of varicella vaccine, further doses of the vaccine are not required.

### **Questions**

- Please call the School Nurse Office at 764-5442 ext. 5204.