



## Tdap and Varicella Vaccination

Dear Parent or Guardian:

### Immunization Requirements

Washington State law requires that all children attending 6<sup>th</sup> grade must show proof of:

- **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** vaccination for all children 11 years and older.
- **Two doses of varicella** (chickenpox) vaccination or history of disease verified by a healthcare provider.

### Documentation

Your child needs an up-to-date Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form

([www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-013\\_CertificateImmunizationStatusForm.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-013_CertificateImmunizationStatusForm.pdf).)

Complete the form with Tdap and varicella information as follows:

Tdap	Types of Documentation Allowed
	Date your child received one dose of vaccine, <u>OR</u>
	Personal/Philosophical, religious, or medical exemption.
Varicella	Types of Documentation Allowed
	Date your child received two doses of vaccine, <u>OR</u>
	The CIS filled out by hand by a provider to verify disease or the CIS printed from the WA Immunization Information System with disease verification, <u>OR</u>
	A letter from a provider stating your child had disease <u>OR</u>
	Personal/Philosophical, religious, or medical exemption

A health check-up that includes vaccinations is recommended for all children age 11-12 years. Schedule your child's check-up appointment at least one month before school starts to make sure he or she gets all of the vaccinations needed for school.

### Vaccine and Disease Information

#### Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)

The Tdap vaccine protects teens against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). The vaccine is recommended for all children 11 years and older. Tdap should replace one tetanus booster. Pertussis is a very serious disease that causes coughing spells that make it hard to eat, drink, and even breathe. Infants and young babies are at high risk for serious illness. Getting vaccinated at 11 years old not only protects the pre-teen, but helps stop the spread of disease to younger siblings and babies. Whooping cough can also cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death.

#### Varicella (Chickenpox)

Children must have two doses of varicella vaccine to protect against chickenpox. Chickenpox spreads easily and can cause serious skin infections, pneumonia, meningitis (swelling of the covering of the brain and spinal cord), and even death. Even mild cases of chickenpox are uncomfortable; it is difficult to treat itchiness and it can leave scars.

Talk to your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic for more information on the Tdap and varicella vaccines, or visit: [www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization.aspx](http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization.aspx)

Please provide us with the date your student received this vaccine, or a completed Certificate of Exemption before school starts. The Certificate of Exemption and the Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) forms can be found online at <http://www.bellevuechristian.org/resources/mack-resources/school-information/>. If we have a completed CIS form on file for your student, we will update the information to reflect their receipt of the Tdap vaccine based on the information you provide below.

**YOUR CHILD'S VACCINATION RECORDS MUST BE COMPLETE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IN ORDER FOR THEM TO ATTEND.**

**Please return this form or a completed CIS to the office.**

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF Tdap VACCINE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, Day, Year)

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PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT & VERIFIABLE.\*\***