

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL NURSES

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Dear Parent,

The Louisiana State Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health recommends every child receive a **Meningococcal** and a **Tdap** (adult tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) vaccination at the age of **11 years old**. The Tdap vaccination is effective for ten years, unless your child has an injury during that time that would put him/her at risk for tetanus infection. If an injury of this type occurs, your child would require a tetanus “booster” if he/she has not had one within the past five years.

If your child is presently 11 years old or older, this is the time he/she needs these vaccinations. Please make an appointment with your physician or local health unit soon to obtain them. When your child has received the recommended vaccinations, please ask your physician/health unit to provide an **updated Louisiana “Universal Certificate of Immunization”** for his/her school records.

It is required that all students 11 and older entering the 6th grade have proof of receiving their Meningococcal and Tdap vaccinations prior to starting school in the fall of 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this important health issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our School Nurse, **Ashley Allen, RN** at 549-5320.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Burris
Principal