

LAVALLETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 17, 2018

Subject: Grade 6 Immunization Regulations

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As of September 2008, sixth grade students in public and private schools are required to receive two additional vaccines:

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap)

Meningococcal vaccine

Students entering sixth grade must receive both the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines before the **first day of school**. Students who are 10 years old when entering sixth grade are not required to get meningococcal conjugate vaccine (the preferred vaccine is Menactra) until they turn 11. Within two weeks of the 11th birthday, students must show documentation that they received the vaccine.

Tdap can be given at age 10, at the earliest, depending on the type of vaccine available through the child's health care provider. If the physician only carries Adacel, the child will not be required to get the vaccine until age 11.

Students will be excluded from school if they do not get the required vaccines and do not have a valid medical or religious exemption.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 732-793-7722 extension 2. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Mansfield, R.N., School Nurse

Cc: Dr. Peter Morris