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FALL 2023 7TH GRADERS

Dear Parents,

Prior to entrance into 7th grade in the fall, your child will need updated immunizations. These will help boost immunity to diseases you may have been vaccinated for previously, and also offer new protection for other diseases.

VACCINATIONS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE INTO 7th GRADE:

Tdap - Helps to prevent Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis (also known as whooping cough).

Meningococcal Vaccine (Serogroups A, C, W, and Y) – Helps to prevent bacterial meningitis caused by 4 types of bacteria. These bacteria are easily spread through common things like coughing, sneezing, sharing water bottles/fountains, or kissing. Infection can lead to organ failure and even death within 24 hours.

OTHER RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR THIS AGE: (if not received previously)

Hepatitis A Vaccine— Helps to prevent Hepatitis A, which is caused by contaminated food or water, or by contact with the stool of an infected person.

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) — Helps protect girls against cervical, vaginal and vulvar cancer, and helps protect **girls AND boys** against anal cancer and genital warts, all caused by 9 types of HPV. HPV is sexually transmitted, and can go undetected for years until it's too late. It is recommended to vaccinate at age 11-12, long *before* sexual activity begins.

Varicella (Chickenpox) — This is a series of two shots, given at least one month apart. Please check shot records. If your child has never received a 2nd dose, it will be required for entry into 7th grade. Your child will NOT need this vaccine if they had the actual chickenpox disease after age 1.

COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a primary series of 2 doses (0.2 mL each) 3 weeks apart

SCHEDULING VACCINATIONS: Please call (419)-399-3921.

Year-Round PCHD Immunization Clinics are:

TUESDAYS: 8:15am to 11:30pm or 1:15pm to 3:45pm **by appointment only.**

We accept most private insurances, Medicaid, and Medicaid HMOs. We do have programs to assist families with no insurance or those who are under-insured. Please call if you have questions about coverage or cost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara A VanArsdalen'.

Barbara A VanArsdalen, RN
Director of Nursing