

Attention Parent/Guardians of **5<sup>th</sup> grade** Students,

As of 2018, the Arizona Department of Health Services Immunization Program has changed the **immunization requirements** for school attendance:

- ***Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines are now required at age 11 regardless of the student's grade level.***

Due Date for proof of Tdap and Meningococcal Immunization:

- ***Within 15 days after your child reaches their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday***, you must provide your School Health Office with an immunization record showing that they have received the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations.

As you schedule and plan for these immunizations, please be aware that healthcare providers ***will NOT administer the Tdap immunization before the student's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.*** *If they are not due for their yearly check-up, you can ask to make a NURSE VISIT for immunizations. If your provider does not offer this service, you can visit any PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION CLINIC:*

[https://webcms.pima.gov/health/preventive\\_health/immunizations/](https://webcms.pima.gov/health/preventive_health/immunizations/)

<b>AGE REQUIRED:</b>	<b>VACCINE NAME:</b>
➤ <b>11 YEARS OLD</b>	Tdap: Protects from tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough)*
➤ <b>11 YEARS OLD</b>	Quadrivalent Meningococcal (MenACWY or MCV4): protects from meningitis*

\*In accordance with Arizona State Law, lack of proper documentation may result in your child being *excluded* from school until immunization records showing proof of all required immunizations are provided to the health office.

Thank you,

Your School Nurse and Health Assistant