

# Attention: Parents of 6th graders

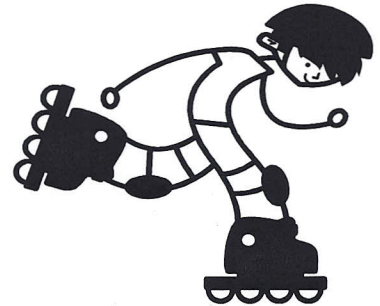
North Carolina law now requires a Tdap booster for entry into 6th grade.

## Which vaccine?

A booster shot of Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) is required for all children in 6th grade on or after August 1, 2008.

## Why is Tdap needed?

To protect against whooping cough (pertussis), tetanus and diphtheria. Over time, protection wears off so a booster is needed to stay fully protected.



## What if my child already had a Td (tetanus/diphtheria) booster?

If it has been **more** than 5 years since your child got a tetanus shot, they will need the Tdap booster. Almost all rising 6th graders will need to get the Tdap booster. However, if it has been **less** than 5 years since your child got a tetanus shot, they are not required by law to have a booster to enter 6th grade.



## What do I need to do?

- Talk to your child's doctor to find out whether your child needs a Tdap booster.
- Make sure your child gets a Tdap booster shot **before** school starts.
- Get a copy of your child's shot record to take to school.
- While at the doctor, check to make sure your child is up to date on other recommended vaccines and yearly check up.

## Where can my child get a Tdap booster?

- Your child's doctor or health care provider.
- If your child does not have a health care provider, call one of these Wake County Human Services locations:



**Human Services**

### Fuquay Varina

Southern Regional Center  
130 North Judd Parkway  
Call 919-212-7000 for an appointment. Ask for an appointment at the Southern Regional Center.

### Raleigh

Public Health Center  
10 Sunnybrook Road  
Call 919-250-3900 for an appointment.

### Wake Forest

Northern Regional Center  
350 E. Holding Avenue  
Call 919-562-6300 for an appointment.

### Zebulon

Eastern Regional Center  
1002 Dogwood Lane  
Call 919-404-3900 for an appointment.

For more information, visit [www.wakegov.com/humanservices](http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices)