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To: Local Health Departments

From: Kenneth Soyemi, MD, MPH, Acting Director

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Re: Implementation of Tdap Vaccination Requirement

As outlined in the attached information for parents, students entering sixth and ninth grades will be required to provide documentation of receipt of one dose of Tdap for the 2012-2013 school year.

Proof for the Tdap requirement includes the following information from a student's health care provider:

- Physician's note or letter which documents the vaccine (Tdap) and date (month, day, year) administered.
- Print-out from health care provider's electronic medical record system that identifies Tdap vaccination(s) and date administered.
- School physical form (Certificate of Child Health Examination) specifying Tdap and date (month, day, year) administered.

Students without proof of Tdap vaccination, an approved medical or religious exemption on file with the school, or an appointment to receive the Tdap shot during the school year will be subject to exclusion.

Please contact the Immunization Section at 217-785-1455 if you have questions about this requirement.

Additional guidance for the 2013-2014 school year will be provided later this year.