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New Immunization Guidelines for the 2010-2011 School Year

The Ohio Department of Health has established new school immunization guidelines beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC 3313.67 and 3313.671) requires that schools be responsible for ensuring that students who enroll in school have immunizations as required by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The statute also requires that schools keep record of student immunizations. Please make note of these changes in the immunization schedule as prescribed by the Ohio Department of Health. Anthony Wayne Local Schools will be integrating these requirements into fall enrollment. The changes in the requirements are:

1. The addition of a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Tdap) booster for seventh-grade students.
2. The addition of a second dose of varicella (a progressive requirement starting with kindergarten for 2010).
3. The fourth dose of polio being administered on or after the fourth birthday.

The most significant change is the Tdap booster for seventh-grade students, because currently only 30 percent of these students have received this inoculation. For more information, call the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Immunization Program hotline at (800) 282-0546. Further information, including a summary of all required immunizations, can be found on the ODH Web site.



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