

Tdap/Td Vaccine for Entry into 7th Grade

The number of Pertussis (whooping cough) cases has more than doubled in the state of Ohio since 1998. Due to this increase, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health signed a new school immunization requirement effective for the 2010-2011 school year and each year thereafter. As a result, all students are **required** to receive one booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis - adolescent and adult formulation) **OR** Td (Tetanus, diphtheria adult) **prior to beginning 7th grade.**

Canton City Health Department, in cooperation with Canton City Schools, will be visiting the following schools during the times listed:

School	Date	Time
Allen Elementary	May 17, 2012	1:50 p.m.
Barbara Schreiber Elementary	May 22, 2012	1:00 p.m.
Belden Elementary	May 17, 2012	1:00 p.m.
Bellstone Elementary	May 23, 2012	11:30 a.m.
Cedar Elementary	May 16, 2012	11:30 a.m.
Clarendon Elementary	May 16, 2012	1:30 p.m.
Dueber Elementary	May 16, 2012	10:15 a.m.
Fairmount Elementary	May 23, 2012	9:00 a.m.
Gibbs Elementary	May 23, 2012	1:30 p.m.
Harter Elementary	May 14, 2012	1:00 p.m.
McGregor Elementary	May 16, 2012	9:00 a.m.
Youtz Elementary	May 23, 2012	10:15 a.m.

Please consider having your child vaccinated by 1) reading the Tdap/Td vaccine information statement (https://www.cantonhealth.org/pdf/Td_Tdap_VIS.pdf); 2) reading our Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy statement (<https://www.cantonhealth.org/pdf/HIPAA.pdf>); 3) completing the required paperwork sent home with your child; and 4) returning the paperwork to the school.

For questions, please call the Canton City Health Department Nursing Division at 330-489-3322.

If you are unable to vaccinate your child at school, please consider attending one of our walk-in clinics during the summer months prior to the start of the school year to avoid your child's exclusion from school. Canton City Health Department walk-in clinics are Monday and Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second Thursday of every month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.