

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS!

FREE Boostrix® Tdap Immunization Clinic coming to your child's school!

State law requires that all students must have a **Tdap** booster shot **before** they start 6th grade. To help you get the shot for your child, Chesterfield County Health Department in partnership with Chesterfield County Public Schools will be bringing the booster shots to your child's elementary school. Avoid the rush in August by taking advantage of this convenient service.

•What is Tdap?

It is a vaccination booster shot that will protect your child from several diseases including tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. *Boostrix® vaccine is approved for children 10 years and older.*

•Where can I get a Tdap for my child?

Chesterfield County Health Department Public Health Nurses will be coming to your child's school to administer the booster shots. If your child has not had a tetanus-containing vaccine in the past 5 years and you want your child to receive the shot at school, please do the following:

1. Review the *Tdap Vaccine What You Need to Know* information sheet and the *Notification of Privacy Practice* enclosed in this envelope.
2. Read the *Parental Consent Form*, fill in the information, sign and date the back.
3. Return the signed *Parental Consent Form* to your child's school by **April 14, 2009**.

•Where else can I get a Tdap for my child?

Check with your family doctor. Tdap vaccine is available from your family doctor or the health department.

•Where is the health department?

Chesterfield County Health Department is located at 9501 Lucy Corr Circle. The childhood immunization program telephone number is 768-7454.

Immunization Clinic:

Tuesday and Wednesday 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Thursday 9-11 a.m. and 1-6 p.m.

No appointment necessary. You must bring your child's immunization record.

There are no clinic services on the first Thursday morning of each month.

•How do I let the middle school know my child got a Tdap?

You will get a copy of the immunization record and a copy will be placed in your child's school record before the end of school if your child receives the booster shot in school. If your child gets the booster shot elsewhere you will need to bring a copy of the completed immunization record to the middle school that your child will attend before the first day of school in September.

•What if I have questions?

You may contact your child's public health nurse at school or call Chesterfield County Health Department, School Health Services, at 748-1633.