

Attention: Parents of rising 6th graders

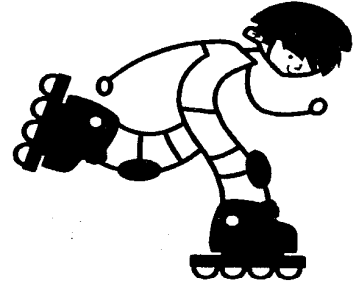
North Carolina law now requires a booster vaccine for entry into 6th grade.

Which vaccine?

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

Why is Tdap needed?

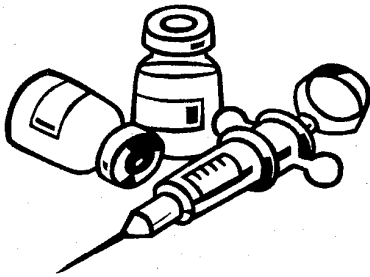
To protect teens from whooping cough (pertussis), tetanus and diphtheria. Over time, protection wears off so pre-teens need a booster shot to stay fully protected.



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. You should talk to your child's doctor to see if your child might benefit from getting the Tdap booster at this time.



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