

August 2020

The Norfolk Department of Public Health (NDPH) and Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) are working together to provide the required Tdap vaccination for all students entering the seventh grade and HPV vaccination for all students entering the sixth grade. The goal is to enable all rising sixth and seventh graders to start school on time and for students and parents to avoid standing in long lines once school begins to complete the requirements. NDPH nurses will be offering Tdap and HPV vaccines at designated middle schools on either August 20th and August 25th by appointments only and at **NO COST** to you.

Included in this packet are information sheets about Tdap and HPV and the consent forms for each vaccine. Please complete and sign the consent form(s) and bring it with you to your child's appointment time along with your child's immunization record and insurance card. Vaccines will be ordered based on the number of appointments that are made so making an appointment is very important.

Tdap is a booster vaccine that offers continued protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). HPV is a vaccine that prevents many types of cancers. These vaccines are safe and effective in preventing the spread of disease among your children. Please read the enclosed vaccine information statement(s) for additional information.

Vaccine Administration Locations, Dates and Times

August 20, 2020	August 25, 2020
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Azalea Gardens Middle School	Lake Taylor School
Northside Middle School	Southside STEM Academy
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Norview Middle School Crossroads School	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Blair Middle School Ruffner Middle School

Appointment scheduling will begin on August 10th. To schedule an appointment for your student, please email <u>SchoolVaccines@nps.k12.va.us</u>. In your email, please indicate which location you would like to register for, your student's name, your name and any contact info. A nurse will contact you within 24 hours of your request to schedule the appointment.

We encourage you to talk to your health care provider or NDPH to ensure that your child's vaccines are up-todate. Please provide proof of immunizations to your child's school as soon as possible if your child has received the vaccine(s). If you have any questions about the Tdap or HPV vaccine or immunization requirements for school entry, we also encourage you to contact NDPH at 757-355-5665.

Thank you for protecting your child's health and providing timely vaccinations.

Sincerely,

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