

7th Grade Immunization Requirements

Children currently enrolled in a Tennessee school and **entering the 7th grade in July must provide the school an updated Tennessee Immunization Certificate with proof of two additional immunizations:**

1. Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (“Tdap”): required regardless of TD history (updated 2013-14)
2. Verification of immunity to varicella; (2 doses or history of disease)

Per State law, parents must provide the updated certificate to the school before a student can attend school in seventh grade. **Only proof of the two additional immunizations is required on the updated immunization certificate**; it will be attached to the previous certificate in your child’s school record. Parents are encouraged to have children vaccinated now and provide the updated certificate to the school. This will help to ensure a smooth transition as your child enters 7th grade in July.

Immunizations are available through a private health provider or the Putnam County Health Department. If parents wait till the end of July, parents and students may face very long waits in the clinics to receive vaccinations and risk delaying the start of the child’s 7th grade year. We encourage parents to update each child’s vaccinations and turn the updated immunization certificate into the child’s school as soon as possible.