



## Delaware County Public Health

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Dear Parent,

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Bureau of Immunization required tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (**Tdap**) vaccine for students enrolling in seventh grade beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and **all** future school years. This administration change requires a one-time booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis containing vaccine for students enrolling in seventh grade or if born on or after September 15, 2000.

Pertussis or whooping cough is one of the most common vaccine-preventable diseases. Pertussis causes serious illness in infants, children, and adults. In 2012, 1,647 cases of pertussis were reported to IDPH, a 417 percent increase in cases compared to the average of the previous five years.

**Your child will need to have proof of Tdap vaccine administration before the 2014-2015 school year.** Please call your medical provider for vaccine information or to schedule an appointment. Delaware County Public Health holds their immunization clinics the first Wednesday of every month, to schedule your appointment with Public Health call 563-927-7551.

Thank you,

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