



Department of Health

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*Your consent form must be returned
no later than: _____*

Date:

Dear Parents,

Buncombe County Department of Health will offer the **Tdap vaccine during the school day at your student's school on April _____.**

- **All public school students who enter the 6th grade** who have had their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine five or more years ago **must have a booster dose of the Tdap vaccine before the first day of school.** (NC law GS 130A-152)

Please look over the vaccine information that is attached to this letter. Tdap helps prevent three diseases: Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis, also called whooping cough.

If you have questions or concerns you may speak with your child's doctor or call our Immunization office at 250-5096. We are offering an easy way for your child to get the required Tdap vaccine, so they are ready for the next school year. You may take your child to their private doctor or the health department, if you prefer. If your student has already received the Tdap, please send a copy of the record to school.

If you would like for your child to get their Tdap vaccine at school:

- **Read** the information about the Tdap vaccine.
- **Fill out the consent form.**
 - **Complete the insurance information and attach a copy of the front and back of your insurance card.** There is no charge for those who do not have insurance. Private insurance and/or Medicaid will be billed for the cost of the vaccine and administration fee.
 - * Please be aware that you may receive a bill for any services not covered by insurance such as charges for out of network or applied towards your deductible. Do NOT send money to school.
- **Sign your name and date the form.**
- **Return this form to your child's school no later than: _____**

Thank you for letting us provide this vaccine for your child at school. We hope you find this a convenient way for your child to get their Tdap vaccine before 6th grade. Other vaccines are recommended for children at this age and are available from your child's doctor or from the health department at 40 Coxe Avenue in downtown Asheville.

Sincerely,

The School Health Nurses

