

## **DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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## Dear Parents:

The current Mississippi Immunization law states "All students entering, advancing, or transferring into 7<sup>th</sup> grade must have documentation from a physician verifying they have received a recent Tdap vaccination (at age 7 or later). This includes new students, current students, and transfer students." Due to this requirement, we are now requiring a new Certificate of Immunization (Form 121) on each student entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The Form 121 must have all previous shots listed on it, as well as, the Tdap booster that is required. All of this must be on one form. Desoto County Schools will only accept Form 121s that are typed or computer printed and signed by the Regional Health Officer, a physician, or a nurse. You can find more information about Mississippi Immunization requirements at https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/ static/41,0,71,303.html

We wanted to give you advance notice of this, so you would have time to take your child and get the required vaccination and paperwork. Please do not wait until the last minute or this will delay their start to school in August.

You may bring the new completed Form 121 to the school as soon as you get it; you do not have to wait until summer registration.

If you have any questions about immunization requirements, please contact your local Health Department:

Hernando Health Department – 662-429-9814 Olive Branch Health Department – 662-895-3090 Southaven Health Department – 662-393-2775 Department of Health Immunization Nurse – 662-534-1926

Thank You,

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