

New Immunization Requirements:

Effective: August 1, 2009

Incoming 7th grade students:

You have all been notified by mail of the new immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year. Included with this letter was your child's immunization record on file here at Downing Middle School. If you have any questions or have not received this notice in the mail, please contact me at 972-350-1403 or manderscheid@lisd.net. The additional immunizations required by the state of Texas to attend school in 2009-2010 are:

- ❖ **Tdap Booster** – vaccine includes pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) - Unless last dose of tetanus was given after 8-14-2004
- ❖ **2nd Chicken Pox (varicella)** – Unless school has documentation of chicken pox disease history.
- ❖ **Meningococcal Vaccine** (meningitis)

These new immunizations will be required by every incoming 7th grade student in the state. So, please get these vaccines as soon as possible to avoid any vaccine shortages that may occur.

There will be 235 incoming 7th grade immunization records to process. It will be very much appreciated if you will send your student's immunization record to Diane Manderscheid R.N.as soon as possible:

- ❖ Fax# 972- 350-9177
- ❖ Mail 5555 Bridlewood Blvd. Flower Mound, Texas 75028
- ❖ Or bring the documentation to the Downing Health Room

Incoming 8th grade students:

- ❖ **Tdap booster** is required at least every 10 years. The new part of this requirement is that the tetanus/diphtheria vaccine will also need to include **pertussis (whooping cough)**. Notifications have been mailed to all students who require a Tdap between now and December 2009.
- ❖ Although the **meningococcal vaccine and the second varicella vaccine** are not **mandatory** to attend school for incoming 8th graders, they are most certainly **recommended**. Check with your physician.

Immunization Resources:

❖ **Private Physician**

(Insurance or private payment)

❖ **Denton County Health Department**

– **bring your immunization record**

(reduced pricing)

Lewisville office:

190 North Valley Parkway

Lewisville, Texas

972-434-4700

❖ **Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van**

- **bring you immunization record**

(free immunizations)

For children up to age 18 years.

See schedule for Care Van Schedule :www.carevan.org

May 2009 Schedule

Thursday

May 14, 5-7-p.m.

McKinney ISD Adm. Bldg.

#1 Duvall Street

McKinney, TX

75069

Monday

May 18, 5-7-p.m.

Healing Hands

7475 Skillman

Suite 103B

Dallas, TX

75123

Tuesday

May 19, 5-7- p.m.

Byrd Middle School

1040 Wheatland Rd.

Duncanville, TX

75116

Wednesday

May 20, 5-7-p.m.

Bolin Elementary

5707 Cheyenne Dr.

Allen, TX

75002

Thursday

May 21, 5-7-p.m.

Apollo Jr. H.S.

1600 Apollo Rd.

Richardson, TX

75081

Wednesday

May 27, 5-7- p.m.

Perry Middle School

1709 Beltline Road

Carrollton, TX.

75006

There is no Care Van scheduled for June or July.