



Glen Ridge Public Schools

RIDGEWOOD AVENUE UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Joan DeJong, School Nurse

February 13, 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Guardians;

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services have revised the administrative rules N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 creating substantial changes in immunization **requirements for all students entering into the 6th grade.** The mandatory immunizations follow:

1. **One dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) no earlier than the 10th birthday**
2. **One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (meningitis) by age 11. (** there is a 4 day grace period for students that have late birthdays after the 1st day of school.)~ An official doctors appointment must be given to the nurse prior to the first day of school for your child to attend.**
 - You are being informed of this immunization requirement now to allow you sufficient time to have the immunizations completed **prior to the first day of school in September 2016.**
 - If you choose to wait until mid- summer, you are at risk for doctor's to be "OUT OF STOCK" and your child will not be able to attend school.
 - Please consider immunizing as soon as possible to avoid any shortages.
 - You must submit written documentation of these two immunizations by August 31, 2016, in order for your child to attend the first day of school.
 - ****PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION AS SOON AS YOUR CHILD IS VACCINATED TO AVOID POSSIBLE EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.**
 - **IF proof of immunization is not received, your child will not be admitted to class on the first day of school.**

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this health issue. Your cooperation will help to make your child's first day of 6th grade a smooth one. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joan DeJong RN, BSN, MS.

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*Student Name: _____ Grade/HR _____

Tdap booster date: _____ Meningococcal Vaccine date: _____

***Physician's Signature:** _____

Physician's stamp:

Date: _____