



May 4, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As your child's school nurse, I want to remind you of the importance of getting your son or daughter vaccinated before they come back to school next fall. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your child from a number of serious diseases, including meningococcal disease, whooping cough, and cancers caused by HPV virus.

Please make an appointment with your child's doctor for the following vaccines that are **REQUIRED** by the state of Texas at age 11-12 and/or before entering 7th grade:

- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine
- Tdap vaccine

CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the National Association of School Nurses all agree that your preteen needs the following vaccine as well, but it is not currently required by the state:

- HPV vaccine (still optional)

If you believe your child has had these vaccines already, please make sure my office has a copy of the updated record.

It is best if you can have your child's regular doctor conduct a yearly exam and schedules fill quickly, so please do not wait to schedule an appointment. However, for your convenience once again this year, HISD will have a clinic provided by Aurora Concepts available during registration (July 27-28) than can provide required vaccines and physicals. Please call or email me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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