

## CLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

### Immunization Requirements

Montana State law requires that all children going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade must show proof of:

- **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** vaccination for all children 11 years and older.

### Documentation

Your child needs to provide written documentation that they received a Tdap shot before school starts in the fall of 2019.

A health check-up that includes vaccinations is recommended for all children age 11-12 years.

Schedule your child's check-up appointment at least one month before school starts to make sure he/she gets all of the vaccinations needed for school.

### Vaccine and Disease Information

#### Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)

The Tdap vaccine –protects teens against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

The vaccine is recommended for all children 11 years and older. Pertussis is a very serious disease that causes coughing spells that make it hard to eat, drink, and even breathe. Infants and young babies are at a high risk for serious illness. Getting vaccinated at 11 years old not only protects the pre-teen, but helps stop the spread of disease to younger siblings and babies. Whooping cough can also cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death.

Talk to your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic for more information on the Tdap vaccine, or visit:

[Http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf)

The Missoula City-County Health Department has a walk-in clinic Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A sliding fee scale is available and no child is denied vaccines for inability to pay. For more information call 258-4745 or 258-4750.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sawfer  
Clinton School Health Aide