



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2013

TO: Local Health Department Directors of Nursing  
Vaccines for Children Providers  
County School Superintendents  
County School Administrators  
County Attendance Directors  
School Counselors  
School Nurses  
School Based Health Centers

FROM: Teresa Frazer, MD, FAAP Deputy State Health Officer  
Bureau for Public Health

RE: Two Week Grace Period for 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Enterers to Provide  
Documentation of Required Vaccinations

In the 2013-14 school year, all 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade enterers must show proof of age-appropriate Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and MCV4 (meningitis) vaccinations before entering school. We recommend that students are allowed a two-week grace period to provide documentation of the required vaccinations.

VFC enrolled physicians and other providers of immunization should be prepared to receive an increase in requests for appointments and immunization documentation from the parents and guardians of their patients in the coming days.

As a reminder, the requirements are:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade enterers must have had one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and one dose of MCV (meningococcal) vaccine.
- 12 grade enterers must have had one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and a second dose of MCV (meningococcal) vaccine, if indicated. Only one dose of MCV4 is required if the first dose was administered after 16 years old.