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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

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

In the 2013-14 school year, all 7th and 12th 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:

- 7th 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.