

**COMMACK SCHOOL DISTRICT
HUBBS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
P O BOX 150
COMMACK, NY 11725**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you about a recent change in immunization requirements for school entry related to diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine that took effect in September 1, 2007. Specifically:

*New York State Public Health Law 2164 was recently amended to require all students entering Grade 6 who were born on or after January 1, 1994 **and** who are 11 years old **must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap).***

*If a student has received a Td, DT, or DtaP vaccination within the last 2 years, the student's Tdap vaccination may be deferred (with rare exceptions) until a period of 2 years has elapsed.

*10 year old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccine by opening day in September, but must receive it when they turn 11 years old.

More specific detail about this important information is included in correspondence from the New York State Department of Health, which is available through the parent resources section of district's web site, www.commack.k12.ny.us.

As with all mandatory immunizations, failure to comply with this new requirement will affect your child's ability to attend school. As such, please make note of this important new information and be certain to discuss with your child's health care provider so as to ensure compliance by September of your child's sixth-grade year.

The immunization record should specify the exact date the vaccine was administered.

Yours truly,

Adrienne Robb-Fund, Ed.D.
Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Ed.

To be completed by your child's physician and return this portion to the Health Office at your child's school.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Address: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Daytime Phone #: _____

Has received Tdap vaccine on: _____

Physician's signature and stamp: _____