



Glenwood Community School District

Heidi Stanley
Middle School Principal
400 Sivers Road
Glenwood, IA 51534

Phone: 712.527.4887
Fax: 712.527.3411
Email: stanleyh@glenwoodschoools.org

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Iowa Immunization Law requires all students entering 7th grade have **both a Meningococcal vaccine and a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) booster before school starts this fall.**

Proof of the vaccines must be received by the school before the first day of school in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Exemption. There will be **NO GRACE**/extension period for the meningococcal vaccine. **Students will not be allowed to start school unless the school has received proof that the vaccines have been obtained.** You may drop off a copy of the new immunizations to the school office or have them faxed to the office at 712-527-3411.

The Tdap booster dose (Tdap) is required regardless of the interval since the last Tetanus/Diphtheria containing vaccine. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing spells that make it hard to breathe. **The Tdap must be obtained for all students born on or after September 15, 2000 entering 7th grade, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.**

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings. This vaccine will be required before both the 7th and 12 grades. **The meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) vaccine must be received on or after the age of 10 for students entering the 7th grade and above if born after September 15, 2004 unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this requirement,

Emma Sathren RN, BSN
Glenwood School Nurse