

Monroe Middle School 7th Graders
A Special Offer for You and Your Child from
Lane County Public Health Services

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Dear Parent,

Immunization requirements for school year 2008/09 will include a new requirement for 7th graders to have a tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. In the past tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine was recommended at age 11 if it had been at least 5 years since the last dose. Since pertussis (also known as “whooping cough”) rates have been increasing over the past few years nationwide, Oregon would like to decrease this rise in disease by implementing this school vaccine requirement that begins with 7th graders and will phase in other grades each year through 2013/14.

In order to make this implementation simpler, Oregon Health Division Immunization Program is making the Tdap vaccine available to providers for special focused projects, i.e. 7th graders, at no cost. There is a \$15 administration fee that can be deferred for those unable to pay. Lane County Public Health will have Tdap available in our office by appointment. Appointments are available most days of the week, morning or afternoon. **Please call 682-4041 to schedule an appointment.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

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