



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN HEALTH DISTRICT

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Dear Parent,

Your student is invited to participate in a **no cost**, school vaccination clinic, on Friday, May 13, 2022. The clinic will be held in the Madison County High School Cafeteria from 3:30-5:30pm. The Madison County Health Department will offer Tdap, Meningitis, HPV and Hepatitis A vaccine to all students entering the 7th and 12th grades. If you are interested in having your child receive one or all of these vaccines during this clinic, please complete the attached consent form and bring it with you to the clinic. A photocopy of your child's insurance card is needed if you have insurance. If unable to copy the insurance card, please ensure the insurance section on the consent form is completely filled in.

Tdap helps protect against three serious diseases: tetanus (lockjaw), diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Current Virginia General Assembly legislation (law) states, no student is allowed to start the 7th grade school year without having a valid Tdap vaccination, medical, or religious exemption documented on file at his or her school. A Tdap booster is then recommended every 5-10 years. Most uprising seniors are reaching that booster timeframe, and receiving a booster at this time helps keep your student up to date throughout college.

Meningococcal vaccine, also known as meningitis vaccine, protects against some of the bacteria that can cause meningitis (swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord). It also protects against septicemia (an infection in the blood). Meningitis is spread by sharing drinking glasses, eating utensils, kissing, living in close quarters (dorms, camps), and being in crowded situations for a prolonged time. Meningitis can be difficult to recognize quickly due to symptoms being similar to common viral illnesses. Current Virginia General Assembly legislation (law) states no student is allowed to start the 7th grade or 12th grade school year without having a valid Meningitis vaccination, medical, or religious exemption documented on file at his or her school.

HPV, also known as Human papillomavirus vaccine, helps protect both males and females from HPV infection and cancer. This is a two dose series to protect your student if started before age 15. It is a 3 dose series if first dose is given after 15th birthday. If your child received a dose previously, there is no need to restart the series.

Hepatitis A vaccine, also known as HAV, protects you from liver disease. It is spread from person to person-through contact with the feces (stool) of people who are infected, which can easily happen if someone does not wash his or her hands properly. You can also get hepatitis A from food, water or objects that are already contaminated.

If I can answer any of your questions, please call me at (540) 308-6071.

Sincerely,
Karen Johnson, RN
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