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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 1, 2014

**TO:** Local Health Department Directors of Nursing  
Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers  
County School Superintendents, Administrators & Attendance Directors  
School Counselors & Nurses  
School-Based Health Centers

**FROM:** Letitia Tierney, M.D., J.D.  
Commissioner and State Health Officer 

**RE:** 7<sup>th</sup> AND 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE REQUIRED VACCINATIONS DOCUMENTATION

In the 2014-15 school year, all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades in West Virginia must show proof of age-appropriate Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and MCV4 (meningitis) vaccinations before entering school.

VFC enrolled physicians and other providers of immunizations should be prepared to receive an increase in requests for appointments and immunization documentation from the parents and guardians of their patients.

As a reminder, the requirements are:

- **7<sup>th</sup> graders** must have had one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and one dose of MCV4 (meningitis) vaccine.
- **12<sup>th</sup> graders** must have had one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and a second dose of MCV4 (meningitis) vaccine, if indicated. Only one dose of MCV4 is required if the first dose was administered **after** 16 years old.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Neccuzi, Director of the Division of Immunization Services, at [jeffrey.j.neccuzi@wv.gov](mailto:jeffrey.j.neccuzi@wv.gov) or (304) 558-2188.

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