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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: 7th AND 12th GRADE REQUIRED VACCINATIONS DOCUMENTATION

In the 2014-15 school year, all students entering the 7th and 12th 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:

- **7th graders** must have had one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and one dose of MCV4 (meningitis) vaccine.
- **12th 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 or (304) 558-2188.

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