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Dear Parent,

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's Immunization Program would like to inform you that most children are due for their booster vaccine by the time they are eleven years of age. They will not be permitted into school in seventh (7th) grade without it.

Parents who wait until the summer to take their children for the Back-to-School vaccine requirements will have difficulty scheduling an appointment with their pediatrician. During those months, many private healthcare providers' offices, as well as our own health department clinics, are overcrowded with back-to-school rush for immunizations. This is especially important for the mandatory requirement for 7th grade entry which includes:

- **One tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap)**
- **Second dose of Varicella (VZV) if previously not received**

There are other vaccines recommended for your child which include: meningococcal, human papillomavirus and hepatitis A. Therefore, we are asking you to take your 6th grade child to schedule a visit with his/her private healthcare provider or one of the health department clinics as early as possible so that he/she will be prepared before the next school year begins. If your child does not have a pediatrician, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County offers free immunizations to all children less than 19 years of age. To schedule an appointment call: 786-845-0550. Thank you so much for your support and for keeping Miami-Dade County healthy.

Please remember, if you have another child entering school for the first time the schools will also require his or her immunization records to be current and placed on the proper school forms.

Sincerely,

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Estimado padre,

El programa de Inmunización del Florida Departamento de Salud en el Condado de Miami-Dade desea informarle que a la edad de once años, la mayoría de los niños necesitan recibir el refuerzo de sus vacunas. Los alumnos de séptimo (7°) grado no serán admitidos en la escuela si no han recibido las vacunas requeridas.

Los padres que esperen hasta el verano para llevar a sus hijos a recibir las vacunas requeridas para el regreso a la escuela, podrán encontrar mucha dificultad para obtener una cita con su pediatra debido a que durante esos meses, tanto las oficinas de los médicos privados, como las clínicas del Departamento de Salud, estarán muy concurridas atendiendo la demanda de vacunación para el regreso a la escuela.

Es de gran importancia cumplir con los requisitos obligatorios para entrar al séptimo (7°) grado, lo cual incluye:

- **una vacuna de Tétano-Difteria y Tosferina (Tdap)**
- **la segunda vacuna de Varicela (VZV) si no la recibió antes**

Existen otras vacunas recomendadas para sus hijos, tales como: meningococo, virus del papiloma humano y la hepatitis A. Además, le pedimos que a su hijo que está en sexto (6°) grado le haga una cita con su médico privado, o en una clínica del Departamento de Salud, lo más pronto posible, con el fin de que esté preparado antes de comenzar el próximo curso escolar. Si su hijo no tiene un pediatra, el Florida Departamento de Salud en el Condado de Miami- Dade ofrece vacunas gratis para todos los menores de 19 años de edad. Para hacer una cita o recibir información, puede llamar al **786-845-0550**.

Recuerde que si usted tiene otro hijo que entrará por primera vez a la escuela, él también necesitará tener sus vacunas al día, las cuales deberán aparecer debidamente indicadas en la forma azul requerida por la escuela.

Muchas gracias por su colaboración y por contribuir a mantener la salud de nuestro condado.

Atentamente,

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