

## **Tdap Vaccine Required for Students Entering 6th Grade**

The Wisconsin State Immunization Law now requires a dose of the Tdap vaccine for all students who are entering 6th grade. Tdap is the adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). Only one dose is required.

This vaccine is available from your child's doctor or the Rock County Health Department. Please have your child immunized well in advance of the next school year to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices and immunization clinics.

To claim a waiver for health, religious or personal convictions, follow the instructions on the Student Immunization Record and return the signed copy to school.

For more information on the Tdap vaccine, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.html>