

REMINDER

Important Message to Parents with Adolescents Entering 9th Grade

Immunization Requirements

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all adolescents entering 9th grade are required to have the following immunizations:

- **Two or three (2 or 3) doses of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine**

Who should receive 2 doses?

A 2-dose schedule is recommended for girls and boys starting the vaccination series *before the 15th birthday*. The second dose should be given 6–12 months after the first dose (0, 6–12 month schedule).

Who should receive 3 doses?

A 3-dose schedule is recommended for girls and boys starting the vaccination series *on or after the 15th birthday*, and for persons with certain immunocompromising conditions. The second dose should be given 1–2 months after the first dose, and the third dose should be given 6 months after the first dose (0, 1–2, 6 month schedule).

All children entering 9th grade are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations as well as have a physical exam.

Important reminder about flu vaccination:

An annual influenza (flu) vaccination is **RECOMMENDED** for all students. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Be sure to ask your doctor about flu vaccine.

For more information, please visit: www.health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools