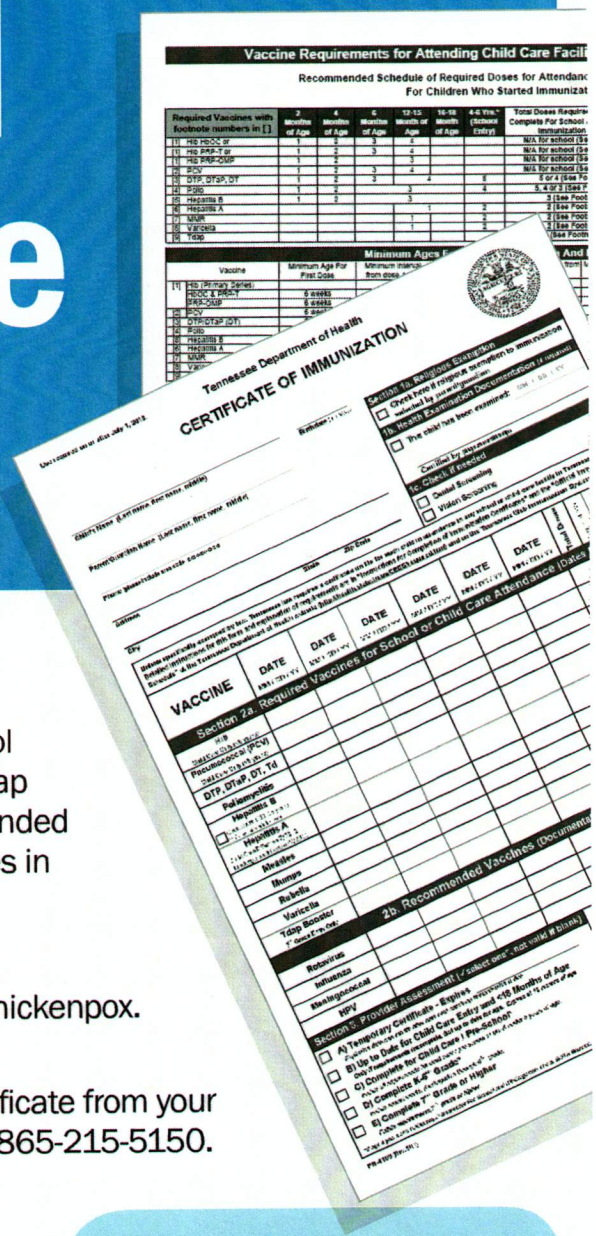
Is your child ready for the 7th grade?



State-required vaccinations

Before your child may enter 7th grade, you must provide your school with an immunization certificate proving your child has received Tdap and two doses of the varicella vaccine. The vaccines are recommended for children age 11 and older. So beat the crowds at doctors' offices in August, and get your child vaccinated now.

Tdap provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). The varicella vaccine provides protection from chickenpox.

Where: You may get the vaccines and the immunization certificate from your pediatrician or the Knox County Health Department, 865-215-5150.

When: The school must have your immunization certificate with proof of the vaccines (or chickenpox) **before** the first day of school, Monday, August 11.

Questions: For more information about the school immunization policy, call 865-594-1800.

To see if your child has proof of the required vaccines, contact the medical office or clinic where your child receives vaccinations.

Please note that the varicella vaccine is **not** required if your child has had chickenpox. In this case, you must provide the year your child had chickenpox to the pediatrician or health department staff who will be issuing the new immunization certificate.

Be sure to beat the rush!

Last year, hundreds of parents and students waited until the first day of school to get vaccinations. Those coming to the health department waited in very long lines, and in fact, many had to return the next day.

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