

Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent of Schools

September 15, 2022

Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Parents and Guardians,

Elizabeth Public Schools is committed to create safe and caring learning environment for all members of its learning community.

Please be advised that you are receiving this letter because your child has not received their booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (Tdap) and/or dose of meningococcal (Menactra) vaccine. As you may already be aware, New Jersey mandates that all children born after January 1, 1997, who will be enrolled in the sixth grade in September 2022, are required to receive a booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine (Tdap), as well as one dose of meningococcal (Menactra) vaccine. Children who do not receive these two vaccines will be excluded from entering school.

You may bring your child to the following locations to receive the Tdap and Menactra vaccines:

The Union County Immunization Clinic 40 Parker Road Elizabeth, NJ 07208 908-965-3627

Public Health Nursing Services 418 Palmer Street Elizabeth, NJ 07202 908-820-4250

You must make an appointment for either of the clinics and a referral form by the immunization clinic must be written out by the school nurse in order for your child to receive the vaccines. Children may be accompanied to the clinics by their parent/guardian. Parents/guardians should expect to present a parent/guardian ID, their child's birth certificate, and a proof of residency for their child to receive a vaccine. Please call the numbers provided for each clinic for more information, including to confirm the items that you must bring with you for your child to receive their vaccines.

Once your child has received their required vaccines and the medical information has been provided to their school indicating they have received their vaccines, they will be eligible to return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Olga Hugelmeyer

Office of the Superintendent of Schools