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Dear 7th Grade Parent,

This has indeed been an unprecedented year; however, incoming 7th graders for the 2020-2021 school year are still required to have one dose of both a Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine for entry into the 7th grade. There are other vaccines that are equally important and recommended.

Tdap vaccine protects against three diseases with one dose.

- Tetanus causes painful muscle spasms, usually all over the body.
- Diphtheria causes breathing problems, and could cause death.
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough) can be a very serious disease, especially for infants as it causes severe coughing spells and can cause death. Pertussis is spread through the air and is highly contagious. It is most commonly spread to infants from teens and adults that are close to them.

MCV4 (Meningitis) vaccine protects against four strains of Meningitis (A, C, W, Y).

- Meningitis is spread by coughing and sneezing of infected secretions. Teens are at increased risk for this bacterial infection because of their social behaviors. Meningitis can kill a healthy person in less than 48 hours. Survivors can have serious problems that last the rest of their lives.

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) – two dose series protects against HPV disease.

- 14 million people in the US become infected with HPV each year
- Protects males and females against oral and anal cancer, and genital warts. Also protects females against cervical cancer.
- Better immune response when given at this age

The health dept. is maintaining social distancing guidelines during all clinics. Because of this we are having more clinics throughout the summer. Please consider scheduling an appointment early because we cannot allow more people in the building than distancing rules can safely support. August is typically very congested with full clinics, but please do not delay this year.

The health dept. will not be doing Scoliosis screening on middle school students in the school this year. If you want your child screened for scoliosis while they are here for immunizations, please let us know that when you schedule. We will also be having scoliosis screening only clinics by appointment once the school year starts.

If you have any questions about vaccines or scoliosis or to schedule an appointment, please call the health department at 419-523-5608.

Sincerely,
Putnam County Health Department