Dear Parent or Guardian,

Healthcare providers are encouraging families to remain current with their immunization schedule and offer well visits to administer vaccinations. The state of Florida requires students entering, repeating, or transferring into 7th grade to provide documentation for the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. This requirement is in addition to the grade-appropriate immunization requirements.

The original certificate of documentation form (DH 680) that shows your child’s Tdap immunization and the correct CODE on the immunization form prior to entering 7th grade must be submitted to the school by Tuesday, August 13, 2024. If you do not provide this form by August 13, 2024, your child will not be permitted to attend school until the DH680 form is submitted to the ADHUS front office.

Talk to your child’s healthcare provider for more information on the Tdap vaccine. Do not wait to schedule an appointment. No exceptions will be made for students who cannot get an appointment before the start of school. Immunization appointments can be made at Palm Beach County Health Centers or Broward County Health Centers or with your child’s healthcare provider. For immunization information and van locations call 1-800-810-1225 or visit the Palm Beach Health Center website at http://palmbeach.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/immunizations/index.html. In Broward County, visit the Broward Health Center website at http://broward.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/immunizations/index.html.

Please contact your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns and to find out the best time for your child to receive the T-dap vaccine before the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Please don’t hesitate to email me at Dbaltzer@fau.edu if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deborah Baltzer, RN