

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunization Requirements

As soon as your 6<sup>th</sup> grader turns 11 years old, they are ready to receive the following vaccines:

- Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, or whooping cough.
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) helps protect against bacterial meningitis.

Both of these vaccines are recommended at age 11 and are required before entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Protect your child early by getting them vaccinated as soon as they turn 11.

## Before starting the school year, all students born on or after January 1, 2002 who are entering 7th grade and new entrants\* to Georgia schools in grades 8-12 will need proof of a whooping cough booster shot and a meningococcal shot.

\*New entrants include anyone that is entering Georgia schools for the first time or is returning to a Georgia school after being gone for more than 12 months or one school year.

Visit Cobb & Douglas Public Health or your private healthcare provider to get these vaccines NOW. Make sure to provide the updated immunization certificate (Georgia form 3231) to your child's school.

For more information, call Cobb & Douglas Public Health at 770-514-2417 or visit <u>www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.com</u>