

***Audubon Community School***  
***800 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave***  
***Audubon, IA 50025***

Dear Parents / Guardians of 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

Our school, in cooperation with Audubon County Public Health and the Iowa Department of Public Health will be offering a very important vaccination to current 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (ages 10-18). Please read the following information carefully. If you would like your child vaccinated, the consent form needs to be completed, signed and returned to the school office no later than **Sept. 25, 2009**.

**WHAT:** Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis) Vaccination Opportunity at School.

**WHY:** Vaccines are not just for little ones. As children approach their teen years, the immunity provided by childhood vaccines can wear off and they also develop risks for more diseases. For these reasons, there are several vaccines recommended. One of these will be offered through this school-based clinic:

√ **Tdap** – Boosts immunity against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

Other vaccinations are recommended for this age group as well. You may want to consider a second dose of Varicella (chickenpox), Meningococcal (meningitis) or the HPV (Human Papillomavirus for girls only) vaccine. If needed or desired, the other vaccinations may be received at the monthly immunization clinic offered by Audubon County Public Health or your local doctor.

Check your child's immunization record. If your child has already received any vaccine with tetanus within the past two years, he / she does not need it again!

**WHEN:** These injections will be given during the school day, **Oct. 23, 2009**.

**HOW:** Nurses from Audubon County Public Health will administer the vaccines. This injection is given in the upper arm. If your child experiences extreme anxiety with injections, we suggest having the vaccinations given at your local health care provider.

**COST:** All students are eligible to receive the Tdap vaccine free of charge. Please indicate your insurance coverage for our records.

Please consider taking advantage of this convenient method to get your child up-to-date with this important vaccination. We request that you read the accompanying materials closely to understand any risks and benefits of this vaccine and return the consent form to the school office by **Sept. 25, 2009**.

The vaccine **WILL NOT** be given without a return consent.

If you have any questions please call Jill Hermansen (712) 563-3751 or Heather Beymer or Michelle Schlichte at (712) 563-2226.