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TO: North Dakota Schools

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RE: Change in Middle School Immunization Requirements

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Effective with the 2014 – 2015 school year, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccine) and MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) will be required for entry into seventh grade.

Previously, Tdap and MCV4 were required for “middle school entry,” which was defined as sixth or seventh grade, depending on the school district. In an effort to standardize and simplify middle school immunization requirements, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) changed the North Dakota Administrative Rules (33-06-05-01) to specify the requirement as seventh grade.

A parent or guardian may sign a Certificate of Immunization indicating moral, religious, or philosophical exemption. A physician’s signature is required for medical exemptions.

Attached is the 2014 – 2015 North Dakota School Immunization Requirements chart to assist in determining what immunizations are needed for what age.

For additional information about school immunization requirements, please visit the immunization program website at www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Schools-ChildCare/.

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions or concerns at 701.328.2335 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.