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**Florida Department of Health in Lake County begins 6<sup>th</sup> grade Immunizations Program at Area Schools**

**Lake County** – The Florida Department of Health in Lake County in collaboration with the Lake County School Board will be offering immunizations at the following schools for students who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2015/2016 school year:

Oak Park Middle	Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Carver Middle	Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>
Clermont Middle	Tuesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mt. Dora Middle	Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>
East Ridge Middle	Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Eustis Middle	Thursday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Cecil E. Gray Middle	Thursday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Creek Charter School	Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Lake Academy Leesburg	Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Tavares Middle	Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Umatilla Middle	Tuesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>
Windy Hill Middle	Thursday May 21 <sup>st</sup>
Lake Academy Eustis	Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Lake Hills	Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Imagine Schools of South Lake	Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders will receive information and required documentation in the mail from the Florida Department of Health in Lake County. All vaccines are offered at no cost and parents are required to complete, sign and return all documentation to the school in order for their child to be vaccinated.

The Florida Department of Health in Lake County School Health team will provide the following required vaccinations:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)

Although not required, an additional vaccination, Meningococcal, is recommended for the prevention of bacterial meningitis. We encourage parents to come to one of our Health Centers at a later time to obtain additional information and get their child vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the following receive the Meningococcal Vaccine:

- All children 11 – 18 years of age
- Unvaccinated children at entry to high school
- All college freshman living in a dormitory

“The school-based immunization program is very convenient for parents since all they have to do is review the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) and sign and return the permission (consent) forms to their child’s school. Parents won’t have to miss work for the purpose of getting their child vaccinated in order to meet the 7<sup>th</sup> grade immunization entry requirements. It is just that simple so beat the summer rush and vaccinate now,” states Genet Exalien, Nurse Program Specialist.

A Parent’s Guide to Childhood Immunizations is available for parents at the CDC’s website by either downloading and printing a free copy or requesting a free booklet, which features children’s drawings to assist in educating the entire family. For more information regarding the CDC’s National Immunization Program visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents) or call 800-CDC-INFO or contact the Florida Department of Health in Lake County at 352-771-5500 or visit our website at <http://lake.floridahealth.gov/>.



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