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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LAKE COUNTY BEGINS 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IMMUNIZATIONS PROGRAM AT AREA SCHOOLS



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**Eustis, FL** – 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 2018/2019 school year:

Carver Middle	Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Clermont Middle	Thursday, March 1, 2018
East Ridge Middle	Tuesday, March 6, 2018
Eustis Middle	Thursday, March 8, 2018
Cecil E. Gray Middle	Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Mt. Dora Middle	Thursday, March 15, 2018
Oak Park Middle	Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Tavares Middle	Thursday, March 29, 2018
Umatilla Middle	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Windy Hill Middle	Thursday, April 5, 2018
Round Lake & Spring Creek Charter	Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Lake Academy (Eustis & Leesburg)	Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Imagine School of South Lake	Thursday, April 12, 2018
Lake Hills	Thursday, April 12, 2018
Pinecrest Lakes Academy	Thursday, May 3, 2018

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)

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also recommends that your child receive vaccinations against two additional diseases, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal meningitis. HPV vaccine is routinely recommended for both males and females 11-12 years of age, and prevents infection with human papillomavirus types that are associated with many cancers. Meningococcal vaccine is routinely recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years of age for the prevention of bacterial meningitis. We encourage parents to come to one of our health centers to obtain additional information and get their child vaccinated.

“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,” said Genet Exalien, Florida Department of Health in Lake County, 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 352-589-6424 ext.2243 or visit our website at <http://lake.floridahealth.gov/>.



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