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New Immunization Requirements

A new law was passed this year that requires all individuals attending public school that are entering the 6th grade on or after August 1, 2008 receive a booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine prior to school entry if five years or more have passed since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid.

Additionally, all individuals not attending public schools (i.e. private, home-school, non-traditional schools) who are 12 years of age on or after August 1, 2008, are also required to receive one booster dose of Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) vaccine if five years or more have passed since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid.

These immunizations are available at no cost at the Northampton County Health Department Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; please call 252-534-5841 if you have questions.