

6th Grade School Supplies:

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Tdap Vaccine



Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) are very serious diseases. The Tdap vaccine can protect adolescents and adults from these diseases.

Tdap is required for middle school students.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization law requires that all students entering the 6th grade receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine. To be compliant with school law, a parent must provide their child's school with proof of immunization or claim a waiver.

Why is it important?

Pertussis is a serious disease. It is easily passed from person to person and can cause outbreaks in schools.

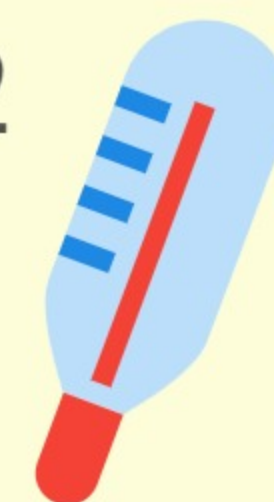
Wisconsin Pertussis

In 2018 there were **697** cases of pertussis reported in Wisconsin.

The average age of the cases in 2018 was **11** years old.

Pertussis starts out like a common cold, but within 1-2 weeks may cause violent coughing fits that can last

100 days.



People who are ill with pertussis must stay home from work or school for at least **5** days.

When should they get the vaccine?

Have your child immunized well in advance of school opening to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices and immunization clinics.

Where can I get the Tdap vaccine for my child?

Tdap is available from your child's medical provider, local pharmacies, or the Marathon County Health Department.