

May 24, 2021

Dear Parents or Caregivers,

As the current school year closes, we would like to remind parents and guardians to make sure their children are up to date on all their vaccinations. Due to the pandemic, many children have fallen behind on important vaccinations that are required for school or recommended for their age. The summer is a great time to plan and conveniently schedule your child's vaccinations prior to the 2021-2022 school year.

With the recent approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents 12 years of age and older, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all eligible children and teens get vaccinated. Vaccinating children will protect them and allow them to fully engage in all school and social activities. **The AAP supports giving other childhood and adolescent immunizations at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine, particularly for children and teens who are behind on their immunizations.**

Also be aware that, effective July 1, 2021, all students 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday.

Please contact your child's health care provider or Cobb & Douglas Public Health, to discuss your child's vaccination needs and to schedule your child's school-required vaccinations, as well as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine.

For questions, please call 770-514-2300 or visit www.cobbanddouglaspublichealth.org

Don't wait, plan your child's vaccinations today!

Sincerely,



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