

TDAP

VACCINE CLINIC

WHEN

Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

WHERE

Griffin Middle School

WHY

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused regular scheduled doctor's appointments to be missed.

The Leon County Health Department is offering Tdap immunizations for sixth graders transitioning to seventh grade. **The Tdap vaccine is a required immunization for seventh graders.** Health department nurses will be administering the vaccine during school hours to students with consent forms.

Please return the attached consent forms to your student's school clinic or to LeonSchoolHealth@flhealth.gov no later than Tuesday, May 4th, 2021.



Tdap vaccine can prevent tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Diphtheria and pertussis spread from person to person. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds.

TETANUS (T) causes painful stiffening of the muscles. Tetanus can lead to serious health problems, including being unable to open the mouth, having trouble swallowing and breathing, or death.

DIPHTHERIA (D) can lead to difficulty breathing, heart failure, paralysis, or death.

PERTUSSIS (aP), also known as “whooping cough,” can cause uncontrollable, violent coughing which makes it hard to breathe, eat, or drink. Pertussis can be extremely serious in babies and young children, causing pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage, or death. In teens and adults, it can cause weight loss, loss of bladder control, passing out, and rib fractures from severe coughing.