

# PROTECT YOUR PRETEEN

All South Carolina students are **REQUIRED** to get the Tdap vaccine **BEFORE** starting 7th grade.

Teens are recommended to get 3 vaccines at age 11–12 years: Tdap, HPV and meningitis vaccines. They also need a flu vaccine every year.



# Your Teen's Vaccine Checklist



## Tdap Booster

The Tdap vaccine is a booster shot that protects your preteen from whooping cough. 7th graders who haven't had a Tdap vaccine may not be allowed to attend school until they get the shot.



## HPV Vaccine

This vaccine prevents cancers caused by HPV in both boys and girls. The vaccine is safe and effective. HPV vaccine provides the best protection against cancer when it is given at age 11-12 years. When the vaccine is given before age 15, kids only need 2 shots, 6-12 months apart.



## Meningitis Vaccine

This vaccine helps protect your preteen and teen from the bacteria that cause serious infections like meningitis. Kids should get the first vaccine dose at age 11-12 and a booster at age 16.



## Flu Vaccine

The flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. Preteens and teens should get a flu vaccine every year. It is especially important for kids with health conditions like asthma or diabetes to get the flu vaccine.



**Parents:** These vaccines can be given at age 11. You don't have to wait for 7th grade! Schedule a yearly checkup/physical with your child's health care provider now.

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents)

DHEC health departments also provide these vaccines. Call 1-855-472-3432 for an appointment.

