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Dear Parent,

The Miami-Dade County Health Department's Immunization Program would like to inform you that most children are due for their booster vaccine by the time they are eleven years of age. They will not be permitted into school in seventh (7th) grade without it.

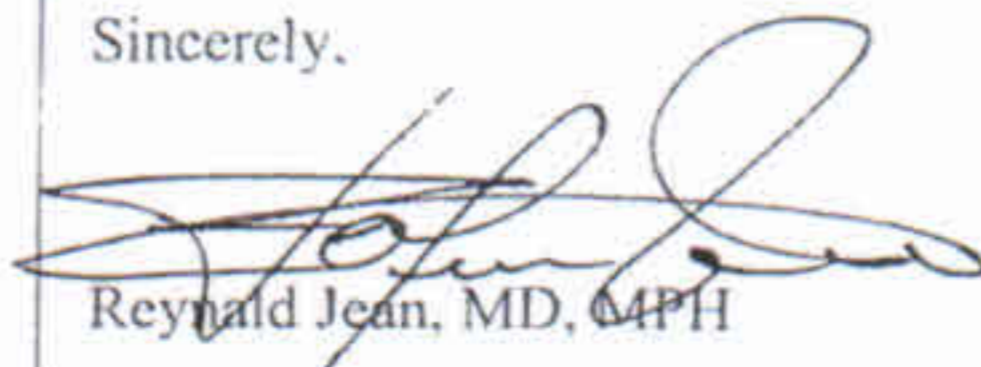
Parents who wait until the summer to take their children for the Back-to-School vaccine requirements will have difficulty scheduling an appointment with their pediatrician. During those months, many private healthcare providers' offices, as well as our own health department clinics, are overcrowded with this back-to-school rush for immunizations. This is especially important for the mandatory requirement for 7th grade entry which includes:

- **One tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap)**

There are other vaccines recommended for your child which include: meningococcal, human papillomavirus, the second dose of varicella and hepatitis A. Therefore, we are asking you to take your 6th grade child to schedule a visit with his/her private healthcare provider or one of the health department clinics as early as possible so that he/she will be prepared before the next school year begins. If your child does not have a pediatrician, the Miami-Dade County Health Department offers free immunizations to all children less than 19 years of age. To schedule an appointment call: 786-845-0550. Thank you so much for your support and for keeping Miami-Dade County healthy.

Please remember, if you have another child entering school for the first time the schools will also require his or her immunization records to be current and placed on the proper school forms.

Sincerely,



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