

7th Grade Immunization Compliance: Don't Wait B Up 2 Date

Invitation To Participate™ Alignment Nashville Primary Care Committee



Committee Vision: Every child has access to primary care.

Description: The Primary Care Committee needs your help to make sure more 7th grade students are ready to learn on the first day of school! Every year, approximately 50% of entering 7th graders do not have proof of required immunizations. Students who are unable to show compliance may not attend school and will lose important academic time! Join us. **Our collective impact can increase the number of students ready for 7th grade on DAY ONE!**

Children currently enrolled in a Tennessee school and entering the 7th grade must provide the school with an updated Tennessee Immunization Certificate with proof of two additional immunizations:

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (Tdap): required regardless of TD history (updated 2013-14)
- Verification of immunity to varicella; (2 doses or history of disease)

Per State law, parents must provide the updated certificate to the school before a student can attend school in 7th grade.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?

The work of the Alignment Nashville Primary Care Committee is designed to ensure that every child has access to primary care, that children and youth are physically healthy and that vaccine-preventable diseases are eliminated. It's important to us that children receive the care they need in order to be healthy and ready to succeed in school. Throughout this campaign, we want to encourage families to obtain primary care for their children by visiting their primary care physician for a yearly well visit and obtaining required immunizations in a timely manner. We want to increase the number of students ready to start learning on day one of 7th grade. Ultimately, we want to improve children's health across Nashville.

Committee Strategy

Promote access to and utilization of primary care and to improve the overall physical health of children and adolescents in Metropolitan Nashville.

Committee Tactic

Align community resources to positively impact the number of students complying with State immunization requirements upon entering the 7th grade.

Output

All rising 2014 7th grade families will receive information and encouragement toward compliance from both MNPS and at least one other community agency or organization.

SHORT TERM OUTCOMES

(1) Increase number of students compliant with 7th grade immunization requirements on first day of 7th grade by 10%.

(2) Decrease average number of days students require in order to become compliant after the first day of 7th grade by 25%.

MID TERM OUTCOME

Increase number of students in 2014-2015 obtaining primary care and required immunizations during 6th grade year by 10%.

LONG TERM OUTCOME

Improved Children's Health

SERVICES NEEDED FROM THE COMMUNITY:

The Alignment Nashville Primary Care Committee wants to know how you can help promote utilization of primary care in an effort to increase the number of rising 7th graders who are in compliance with state immunization requirements.

IMMUNIZATION WEEK JUNE 9 - JUNE 15

Submissions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Educational events at your location
- Incentives for early compliance
- Designated immunization week at clinic or other location
- Phone calls / letters to families
- Promotion / media outreach
- We want to hear your ideas!

IMPORTANT DATES

ITP Community Meeting Date:

Community Meeting with the Primary Care Committee:

Thursday, May 15 at 8:30am

Alignment Nashville Community Meeting Room (105B) - The Cohn School

Virtual Community Meeting with Cumberland Pediatrics and the Primary Care Committee:

Thursday, May 15 at 12:00pm

Deadline to Respond to ITP:

May 22, 2014