

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) is assisting the Department of Health (DOH) in promoting awareness of recommended vaccines to protect the health of adolescents. Please replicate and post the following very important information via any means of electronic communication used by your school in communicating information to parents:

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### **Important Message for Parents from the Hawaii State Department of Health**

Protect your child's health against serious, sometimes life-threatening diseases. The effectiveness of childhood vaccines can decrease over time. Preteens and teens are also at risk for different disease as they get older.

#### **Protect the health of your preteen or teen with four (4) important vaccines recommended by the DOH DOCD:**

- Pertussis (whooping cough)  
[http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/pertussis/](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/pertussis/)
- Meningococcal infection  
[http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/meningococcal/](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/meningococcal/)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)  
[http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/human-papillomavirus-hpv/](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/human-papillomavirus-hpv/)
- Influenza - flu  
[http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease\\_listing/influenza-flu/](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/disease_listing/influenza-flu/)

Take your child to his/her primary care provider to receive these vaccines. For more information, visit [health.hawaii.com](http://health.hawaii.com).

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Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have further questions, please contact Timothy Lino, Ed.D., Administrator, School Health Section at (808) 305-9787 or via Lotus Notes.