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From the School Nurse Jane Mead

- **Attention all 6th grade parents:** Beat the August rush to the pediatrician's office and schedule your child's well check -up today!
 - Students entering 7th grade this August are required to have the booster shot called Tdap. Don't confuse this with the series your child got when they were under 5 years old! This booster vaccine is for preteens and teens. See the links below for more information.
 - Students entering 7th grade this August are also required to get a meningococcal shot. See the link below for more information.
 - Send your child's immunization record to the School Nurse at jmead@uaschools.org
- This week the U.S. Food and Drug Administration expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 to include adolescents 12 through 15 years of age. Check with your child's pediatrician to see if this vaccine is right for your child. Having your child immunized for COVID-19 may prevent future quarantining from school and other activities for next year.
- For more information about Health Services at Jones Middle School please visit my website at this link <https://www.uaschools.org/JonesHealthOffice.aspx> . Or you can go to uaschools.org, then Our Schools, chose Jones Middle School, then click on the Health Office tab on the left. There you will find health forms and information for next year!
- Finally, please make arrangements to have your child's medication picked up from the Health Office before the end of the year. Medication for 8th graders will not be transferred to the high school due to the ongoing construction.