



Medical Update

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Changing of the recommended guidelines for tetanus vaccination by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requiring an update Tdap booster vaccination to be given at 11-12 years of age.

NEW POLICY:

Scouts who participate in the camping programs at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation or the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation will have a tetanus screening on all visits to the Health Lodge pertaining to laceration, scrapes, abrasions, or any injury where the possible contamination of the wound is associated with substances that could contain the tetanus infection. If it has been a period greater than 5 years since the last tetanus vaccination the Scout or Scouter will receive an updated vaccination of a Tdap vaccine on all Scouts under the age of 18 years and a Td toxoid booster on all Scouters of the age 19 years and older.

No Scout will be sent home on a preparticipation physical screening by the Health Lodge due to his immunization status not being up to date. Some Scouts or Scouters may experience a situation where they are sent to a local hospital or health department to obtain the vaccine in the event it is not readily available at the camp for the Scouts to receive during a situation stated above.

It is recommended that all Scouts between the ages of 11 and 15 receive the Tdap vaccination prior to attending camp if it has been longer than 5 years since their last vaccination in the event that they could become injured and require an update of this vaccine while at camp.

This policy should be distributed to all Scout leaders through the Constant Contact Program from the Heart of America Council – Camping Services Department.

For more information please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-schedule.htm> .