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DPHSS Announces New School Vaccine Requirement effective School Year 2027-2028

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) announces the addition of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for school entry requirements beginning School Year 2027-2028.

Pursuant to 10 Guam Code Annotated (GCA), Health and Safety, Chapter 3, Article 1, §3322(a)(3)(c), the DPHSS will be adding the HPV vaccine to the list of required immunizations for school attendance.

Implementation Timeline:

- School Year 2027–2028: Required for students entering 6th, 9th, and 12th grades
- School Year 2028–2029: Expanded to include 7th, 8th, 10th, and 11th grades

This advance notice is provided to ensure that parents, guardians, school officials, and healthcare providers have sufficient time to prepare for the implementation of this new requirement. Parents and guardians do not need to wait until their child reaches the specified grade level to receive the HPV vaccine. Children will need the number of doses appropriate for their age at the time of implementation in accordance with the current American Academy of Pediatrics' immunization schedule.

DPHSS remains committed to protecting the health and well-being of Guam's youth through preventive public health measures. The HPV vaccine is a safe and effective tool in reducing the risk of HPV-related diseases, including certain types of cancer.

For questions or further information, please contact the Immunization Program at (671) 735-7143.

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