



**Dear Parents/Guardian of students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

There have been changes in the immunization requirements for school entry related to meningitis that have taken effect beginning September 1, 2018. All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders need to have **proof of Meningitis immunization** as required by New York State, **prior to entering** school in September.

The pertinent information is listed below:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y (MenACWY vaccine; brand names Menactra® or Menveo®) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of MenACWY vaccine should be administered at age 16 years. The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose of MenACWY at 16 years of age or older.
- The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is 8 weeks.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series (MenB vaccine) may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years of age, at the discretion of the healthcare provider. The preferred age for MenB vaccine is 16 through 18 years of age.

Please make an appointment for your child to see his/her physician to obtain the required immunizations. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain proof of immunizations. This proof needs to be presented to the school nurse **prior** to the start of the school year. **Without this documentation, your child will be excluded from school.** Please have your child's physician fill out this form and return to the Health Office by September 1.

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Health Office

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Had Meningitis Immunization: (age 11-12) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Meningitis Immunization: (age 16-23) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phys. Stamp

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