

Important Health Notice

Immunization Requirement for the 2020-2021 School Year

To the Parent or Guardian of all 11th grade students:

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has established additional immunization requirements for school entry for all of Ohio's in-coming 12th grade students. This requirement was new beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

All in-coming 12th grade students for the 2020-2021 school year are required to be vaccinated against Meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W and Y), commonly referred to as MCV4.

This vaccine is typically given in a two dose series, with the first dose at age 11-12, and the second dose at age 16. If your student has received the first dose, they just need to get the second dose. If your student has not received this vaccination, and the first dose is administered on or after their 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.

As required by Ohio Law, written verification from your student's health care provider, indicating the date and type of vaccine that your student received, is required to be submitted to the school health staff **prior to the student's first day of attendance for the academic school year 2020-2021.**

If the required documentation has not been submitted by the 14th day of school for the academic school year 2020-2021, as required by Ohio Law, you will be notified, and your student will not be permitted to attend school until the necessary documentation is provided. Any student absence due to immunization non-compliance will be considered an **unexcused** absence.

August may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. Please don't wait until the last minute to obtain this immunization and/or submit documentation.

- If your student has already received the required meningococcal immunization, please forward written documentation from your health care provider indicating the date and type of vaccine that your student received.
- If your student has not yet received the required meningococcal immunization, please be certain your student receives this vaccine and provide written verification from your health care provider indicating the date and type of vaccine that your student received.
- Documentation may be brought to the clinic by your student, mailed, faxed, or emailed.
- If you have questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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