



## School Health Services

Dear 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

### **Vaccine requirement for 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Please make sure your student entering the 12th grade receives the following vaccinations before the beginning of the school year.**

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade to have a second dose of meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4, Menevo or Menactra). If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered on or after the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, a second dose is not required.

#### **Meningococcal meningitis**

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but serious disease that develops rapidly and can claim a life in as little as one day. Of those who survive, approximately one in five are left with serious medical problems like amputation, deafness, and brain damage. Teens are at increased risk of meningococcal meningitis due to many teenage activities.

Vaccination is the best way to protect someone from getting the disease.

You may obtain these vaccines from your child's health care provider, the Trumbull County or Geauga County Health Departments, Rite-Aid, or Walgreens.

Students who do not provide documentation of the immunization to the High School Office or District RN by September 10, 2021, will not be permitted to attend school until they are received. Any absences that incur because of not having the vaccine will be counted as unexcused. If there are medical/religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Thank you,

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