



School Health Services

August 9th, 2024

Dear 11th grade parents,

Vaccine requirement for 12th graders

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 12th 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 16th 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. This increased risk may be due to activities like sharing utensils and kissing.

You may obtain these vaccines from your child's health care provider or other community resource. Vaccines are also available at your local health department.

Students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations to the school by September 3rd, 2024 are subject to exclusion. If there are medical/religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic or school website for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Thank you,

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