

## The State is Requiring a Meningococcal Vaccine Booster

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Minnesota law requires that all children get vaccinated against certain diseases or have a legal exemption on file to be enrolled in school. Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2020-2021 school year need to have documentation or a legal exemption for the booster dose of meningococcal vaccine (Most children received the initial dose of this vaccine when they entered 7<sup>th</sup> grade).

Teenagers and young adults are at higher risk for meningococcal disease. This dose is important to make sure they are fully protected through their highest-risk years.

Please schedule an appointment with your child's health care provider to get this vaccine, or get a legal exemption before school starts in the fall. Ask your health care provider if you are eligible to receive free or low-cost vaccinations if you are concerned about costs.

For a current copy of your teen's vaccination record, call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-3980.

For more information on meningococcal disease, go to Meningococcal Disease Basics ([www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/meningococcal/basics.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/meningococcal/basics.html)) on the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website.

If you need exemption information, the Immunization Form ([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imzform.pdf](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imzform.pdf)) is available on the MDH website.