



2021-2022

Dear CHCA Parents,

Two meningitis vaccinations (MCV4) are required for all students entering grade 12. Proof of the MCV4 vaccine must be on file with the building nurse prior to the first day of school in August of 2021.

Grade 12:

Two (2) doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered prior to entry\*

\*Recommended MCV4 minimum interval of at least eight (8) weeks between dose one (1) and dose two (2). If the first (1st) dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second (2nd) dose is not required. If a pupil is in 12th grade and is 15 years of age or younger, only 1 dose is required. Currently there are no school entry requirements for meningococcal B vaccine.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's private health care provider as soon as possible to discuss this vaccination and have their child immunized with the MCV4 vaccine.

Parents are required to submit evidence of their child having received the Meningitis Vaccination to their building nurse (Print page 2 of this letter and submit to the building nurse prior to the start of school).

### **Why does my child need to be vaccinated against Meningitis?**

Meningococcal disease is a bacterial illness that can become very serious, very quickly. Meningococcal disease can spread from person to person through saliva and coughing. Teens and young adults are at increased risk for meningococcal disease.

Meningitis is an infection of the covering of the brain and the spinal cord. Meningococcal disease also causes blood infections and can lead to problems with the nervous system, hearing loss, seizures, strokes or sadly, the loss of arms or legs. Meningococcal infections can be treated with drugs such as penicillin. Still, many people who get the disease die from it, and many others are affected for life. This is why preventing the disease through use of meningococcal vaccine is important.

If you would like to learn more about Meningitis: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site:

Meningococcal Vaccination: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/mening.html>

Thank you and have a blessed spring and summer,

CHCA Nursing Staff



**CINCINNATI HILLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S BUILDING NURSE PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL IN AUGUST 2021.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, in grade \_\_\_\_\_ for 2021-2022 received the Meningitis Vaccination (MCV4) on:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Parents must provide the day, month and year).

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_.

My child has also received the following immunizations/boosters, which should be added to his/her school health record as an update:

- Name of Immunization and the Day, Month, and Year received:
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the attention of your student's building nurse at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy. This form may be returned anytime between now and the first day of the 2021-2022 school year but **MUST** be turned in by the first day of school in August 2021.

In His Service,  
  
CHCA Nursing Staff