



2021-2022 School Year

Dear Incoming 7th Grade Parents,

--A Meningitis Vaccination (MCV4) is required for all students entering grade 7. Proof of the MCV4 vaccine must be on file with the building nurse prior to the first day of school in August of 2021.

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. Therefore, preventing the disease using the 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>

--A Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) booster is required for all students entering grade 7. Proof of the Tdap vaccine must be on file with the building nurse prior to the first day of school in August of 2021.

Tdap is a vaccine used to boost immunity to pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, and diphtheria.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a contagious respiratory disease characterized by intense coughing fits causing difficulty breathing. Early signs of Pertussis are like that of the common cold with runny nose, sneezing and mild cough. After one to two weeks, the cough becomes more severe and spasmodic. Although whooping cough is usually a mild disease in adolescents, it can be serious for people of any age.

Whooping cough can place a significant burden on families, as a person with whooping cough will be asked to stay home from school until having received at least 5 days of antibiotic treatment so they will not spread the disease to others. CHCA is required to report all cases of suspected Whooping Cough to the County Public Health agency where the student resides.

If you would like to learn more about Whooping cough: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/pertussis/default.html>

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

If your child has **not** had these immunizations, please attend to this matter at your convenience during the summer and fill out/return this form by the first day of school in August.

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) and the Tdap vaccine on:

1.

2.

(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