



Dear 11th-Grade Families:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of an immunization requirement for all students entering 12th grade:

**MenACWY (Meningococcal Conjugate) Vaccine:** The MenACWY vaccine protects against Meningococcal disease, which spreads easily through the air and direct contact and can cause meningitis and infections of the blood. [Learn more about the MenACWY vaccine »](#)

Effective July 1, 2021, students must receive one dose of the MenACWY vaccine prior to entry into seventh grade and a second dose prior to entry into 12th grade. Please note:

- If the first dose of the MenACWY vaccine is administered **before a student turns 16**, the student must receive a second dose prior to entering 12th grade.
- If the first dose is received **on or after the student's 16th birthday**, a second dose is not needed.

**For the 2023-24 school year, students entering the 12th grade must have received at least one dose of the MenACWY vaccine on or after their 16th birthday.**

We encourage you to schedule a physical or check-up for your rising 12th grader with their physician so that your child can obtain this immunization. If you do not have a physician, your child can receive required immunizations at the [Charlottesville Health Center](#). Call **434-227-5624** to schedule an appointment and discuss payment options. Alternatively, you may be able to get immunizations at the [local health department](#). Call **434-972-6200** to inquire about an appointment at one of their weekly immunization clinics on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After your child has received the required vaccination, please provide your child's school with the appropriate immunization documentation. **Students will not be allowed to begin their senior year until documentation of the required immunization has been received.**

Please contact your child's school nurse if you have any questions about these requirements.

Sincerely,

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