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,

Eileen Gomez
School Health Coordinator