

Gordon Lee High School

Dear Parents:

In order to be in compliance with the Georgia state law, we need the following papers from your 11th grader. Before entering 11th grade, each student must have a new updated:

****Georgia Certificate of Immunization form (form 3231)****

All students entering or transferring into 11th grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4) unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday.

To help protect your children and others from meningitis, Georgia law requires students be vaccinated against this disease, unless the child has an exemption. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma and death within hours of the first symptoms.

If your teen has not been vaccinated against meningococcal disease, we strongly recommend getting your child vaccinated. Getting MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) will help protect your child against the ongoing threat of meningitis.

****A new updated shot record must be turned in at the beginning of the 11th grade for all high school students!****

This form must be dated and signed, and, in the lower right corner, the clinic or doctor's address and phone number must be written.

If you do not get immunizations for your child, you must go to the Georgia Department of Public Health and print out the Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunizations, have it signed and dated properly and notarized. If you have shot records from another state, you must have them transferred over to the Georgia form. Your doctor or local health department should be able to do this for you. The state comes shortly after school starts and checks each student record. Each student has 30 school days to have the correct paperwork turned in to the school. If the correct paperwork is not turned in by then, the student will not be allowed in class, and the school could be fined until it is corrected. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 382-3100 ext. 1006.

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