



Westport Middle High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We want to make you aware that **at the start of the 2024-2025 school year**, the Westport Community Schools will require proof of immunization for the meningococcal conjugate vaccine for **students entering the 11th grade**, unless a religious or medical exemption applies. This is a requirement issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). The immunization record will need to demonstrate:


- **11th grade entry: 1 booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) received on or after 16 years of age. (One or more doses of MenACWY vaccine are acceptable as long as one dose was received on or after 16 years of age.)**

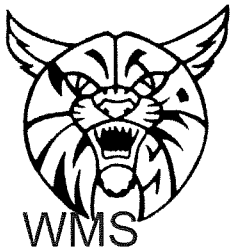
Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but serious bacterial infection. It causes the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord to become inflamed. Meningococcal disease incidence peaks among young people 16-21 years of age. Implementation of a required booster dose of MenACWY vaccine for entry to 11th grade ensures that everyone is protected before entering the high-risk time period.

Proof of immunization is required prior to the 1st day of school (Fall 2024). Please submit a recent physical with documentation of this required vaccine as soon as possible. If you do not have a current physical, please send in proof of immunization.

Please email me with any questions at swalinski@westportschools.org

Sincerely,


Suzanne Walinski BSN, RN, NCSN
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All students entering 7th grade are required by Massachusetts General Laws to show proof of the following **before the first day of school**:

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) booster

Meningococcal initial dose

MMR Vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella) 2 doses

Varicella Vaccine (also known as chicken pox vaccine) 2 doses

In addition, all 7th grade students are required to have an updated physical exam for the health record during this school year. Please submit the most recent physical or make an appointment with your primary care physician for the upcoming year. Please contact Nurse Babb for questions at 774-309-3408.

Proof of immunization is required prior to the 1st day of school (Fall 2024) or your child will not be able to attend school and will be sent home. Please contact your primary care physician to verify if they are up to date and obtain a copy for the health record or to schedule an appointment for booster immunizations or a physical exam, if appropriate.

Sincerely,

Teresa Babb, RN, BSN
WMHS School Nurse