



## IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Ohio laws require students to have certain immunizations in order to attend school; please review the information below to make sure your student is up-to-date on the required shots prior to the start to the school year. Ohio Revised Code requires all schools to have an up-to date shot record on file for all students.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunization Requirement

The Ohio Department of Health requires all students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade to have received two doses of the meningococcal (**MVC4**) immunization. First dose should have been given prior to 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year and second dose is required after age 16 years and/or prior to entering into their 12<sup>th</sup> grade school year.

The meningococcal vaccine is for protection against meningitis. Meningitis is a disease caused by the inflammation or infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord. Meningococcal disease often occurs without warning, even among people who are otherwise healthy. Meningitis can spread from person to person through close contact (coughing or kissing) or lengthy contacts, such as people living in the same household (Centers for Disease Control).

Most colleges require proof of the meningococcal immunization prior to entry. The immunization required in the 12th grade will be sufficient for the college requirements, for those students planning to attend.

**ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE 12th GRADE MUST RECEIVE THE IMMUNIZATION “PRIOR” TO THE START OF THEIR SENIOR SCHOOL YEAR AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE IMMUNIZATION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunization Requirements

The Ohio Department of Health requires all students entering 7th grade to receive two immunizations:

1. **Tdap**--The Tdap immunization is for protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.
2. **Meningococcal (MVC4)**--The meningococcal vaccine is for protection against meningitis.

**ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE 7th GRADE MUST RECEIVE THE TWO IMMUNIZATIONS “PRIOR” TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE IMMUNIZATION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

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**Kindergarten Immunizations** It is almost time for your child to start kindergarten. This is an exciting time and we are looking forward to getting to know your child. Please assure your child's immunizations are up to date **before** the start of the school year. If you have not done so already please provide the school with a copy of your child's immunization records.

**ALL STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN MUST UP TO DATE WITH IMMUNIZATIONS “PRIOR” TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE IMMUNIZATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

Immunizations are available from your personal physician, Morgan County Health Department or MVHC (Malta) please call and set up a time to get the required immunizations prior to the start of the school year. *If you have questions regarding your child's immunization please contact their health care provider or Morgan County Health Department at 740-962-4572.*