



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with the State of Illinois Department of Public Health, prior to the start of the school year, all students entering the twelfth grade are required to show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MenACWY). *This immunization is different from Meningococcal B.* All twelfth graders will need to show proof of receiving two doses unless the first dose was administered after 16 years of age. In this case, only one dose after 16 years of age is required. This vaccination will prevent your student from a severe form of bacterial meningitis as well as other illnesses caused by this bacterium.

Documentation accepted as complying with the requirement for students entering 12th grades includes the following information:

- A letter or note signed by your healthcare provider identifying the date the MCV was administered.
- Printout from your provider's electronic medical record (EMR) that indicates the vaccine was administered.
- Current Certificate of Child Health Examination form, specifying the date the MCV was administered.

Students are subject to exclusion as described in the school code of Illinois if the Meningococcal immunization deadline has been not met.

In addition to your health care provider, many local health departments and pharmacies offer the Vaccine. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that parents get their adolescent vaccinated now to avoid last-minute rush during the summer months.

Thank you,

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Principal

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