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Important Information from the St. Joe's Health Office

Immunization Requirement for Meningococcal Vaccine

VACCINE REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning on September 1, all 12th-grade students **MUST HAVE** proof of having been given the Meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine to attend school. **Please submit this documentation to the health office before the start of school in September.**

All students must have either:

- 2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine (Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) with names Menactra, Menevo, or MenQuadfi) with the booster dose given on or after age 16 years, or
- 1 dose (only if your son's first dose was given on or after age 16 years)

New York State law requires parents/guardians to provide the school with an immunization (shot) record showing that their child has received the required vaccine or has an appointment to receive it.

This record may be from a health care provider, health department or an official immunization record from your son's former school. The record must include:

1. Name of the vaccine
2. Date the vaccine was given
3. Who gave it, along with their title; or where it was given, if at a clinic
4. Signature of the doctor at the bottom of the page

There is a 14-day grace period that begins on the first day of school. **After the 14 days have passed, your son will not be permitted to attend school without proof of vaccination, per the NYS Department of Health.**

Please submit immunization records via email to nurse@sjci.com or mail to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, ATTN: Nurse's Office, 845 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14223.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Joanne Cascio, RN, at nurse@sjci.com or 716-270-4128. Please be aware that summer hours are limited. Emails and phone calls will be checked beginning in August.

Sincerely,

Jim Spillman '95, Principal