



Health Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Rising 12th Grade Students for School Year 2026-27,

In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 which effectively requires Virginia's immunization recommendations and requirements to coincide with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The legislation became effective July 1, 2021 and amends the Code of Virginia §32.1-46.

Students entering 12th grade can meet the requirement by presenting proof of a booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). Even though your child may have had a dose of meningococcal conjugate ACWY at 11 years of age, they will still need to have a second dose at the age of 16 or older. Your child's healthcare provider may also recommend the Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine. Although the MenB vaccine is not required for school, it can protect your child from meningococcal disease Type B. If your child cannot receive immunizations due to medical reasons, you need to provide a letter from their healthcare provider. If you require a religious exemption, you can find the form at the following link:

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/cre_1.pdf .

You can make an appointment with your child's healthcare provider. The local health department will administer school required vaccines at no charge. The health department requires a copy of your child's immunization record. Roanoke County Health Department information follows:

Roanoke County/Salem Health Department, 105 E. Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153
(540) 387-5530

Roanoke County/Vinton Health Department, 227 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179
(540) 857-7800

If your child does not have a healthcare provider, you can find a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/vvfc/locatevvfcprovider/>.

Regardless of the chosen location to receive the vaccines, please obtain documentation and take it to your child's current school.

Contact your child's school nurse with questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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