

12th Grade Immunization Requirement!

The Ohio Department of Health requires a meningococcal booster vaccine for students to begin the (Senior) 12th grade year. **Your child will be required to have two doses of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) prior to entering the 12th grade. If the first dose was given after the 16th birthday a second dose is not required.**

From the ODH Director's Journal regarding Meningococcal vaccine requirements:

One (1) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine is required for all pupils in grades 7- 11. Meningococcal vaccine given before 10 years of age should not be counted as part of the adolescent MenACWY series. If a child received a dose of either MPSV4 or MenACWY before age 10 years, they should receive a dose of MenACWY at 11 or 12 years and a booster dose at age 16.

A second (2nd) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine is required prior to entry into the 12th grade. The second (2nd) dose must be administered on or after the 16th birthday with at least eight (8) weeks between the first (1st) and second (2nd) dose. If the first (1st) dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W, and Y) vaccine was administered after the 16th birthday, a second (2nd) dose is not required. If a pupil is in 12th grade but is 15 years of age or younger, only one (1) dose is required. The pupil should then receive a second (2nd) dose when they turn 16 years.

Please give any documentation of this immunization to the school office before the first day of school. **In summary, for your child to BEGIN their Senior year, a Meningococcal vaccine booster is required.** Eleventh grade parents are encouraged to make the appointment now because immunization clinics fill up fast in the summertime. Thank you for your cooperation. Please reach out with any questions!

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