

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DATE: May 2021

TO: Parents of current 11th graders FROM: Public Health School Nurses

SUBJECT: Immunization Requirements for 12th grade entry

Hello Parents and/or Guardians!

In addition to school entry immunization requirements, students entering the 12th grade in North Carolina are required to show proof that they have received a 2nd dose of **Meningococcal Conjugate ACWY vaccine**. This dose is usually given at 16 years of age.

The Meningococcal Conjugate ACWY vaccine helps protect against meningitis, bacteremia, and pneumonia caused by the meningococcal bacteria.

At the beginning of the school year, all 12th graders will need to bring in an updated vaccination record to their homeroom teachers showing that they have received the required vaccination. According to North Carolina law (General Statute 130A-155) your child will not be allowed to attend school if proof is not presented within the first 30 days of attendance.

The Meningococcal Conjugate ACWY vaccine and all other recommended vaccines (such as the Meningococcal B, and HPV vaccine) may be obtained at your child's regular healthcare provider or at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health. Please consult with your child's provider to know what other recommended vaccines they should receive. If you do not have health insurance or if your insurance does not cover immunizations, you may call 910-321-7116 to see if your child is eligible to receive immunizations at no cost to you, and to schedule an appointment at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health located at 1235 Ramsey Street. The Immunization Clinic is located on the first floor. Clinic hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00am to 12pm Fridays. Please take your child's immunization record to their appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school. Thank you!

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