

## ATTENTION ALL 11th GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The State of Ohio law (ORC 3313.671) requires two doses of the Meningococcal vaccine for all students be completed prior to the start of their senior year. (Only one dose if the first dose is given on or after the 16th birthday). The meningococcal vaccine is administered to protect students against meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W and Y) disease, a bacterial infection that may affect the spinal fluid and lining of the brain and is a common requirement for most colleges and universities. This vaccine may be listed on your student's immunization record as Menactra or MCV4.

Your student may have already received these immunizations at a previous medical appointment around the age of 16; please call to verify with your physician and obtain a copy to send to the WKHS Health Office. The physician's office can fax the updated record directly to WKHS Fax 614-450-6560, a copy can be emailed to the address listed below or your student can drop it off directly in the Health Office. If you have questions contact Nurse Julie in the Health Office at WKHS or call your child's physician for clarification and additional information.

If you currently do not have a physician and need to obtain vaccinations at a low cost, please check out the Columbus Health Department's website for immunization clinic locations and schedules.

<https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth/programs/Immunization-Program/>

Please make sure to notify the Health Office if there is a valid medical or personal reason that your student is unable to receive the vaccination so their health record can be updated.

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