

Immunization Requirement for Class of 2019

Dear Parent:

The Illinois School Code requires that all students entering 12th grade show proof of receiving two Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines (MCV4) before the start of their senior year. Meningococcal disease describes infections caused by the bacterium Neisseria meningitidis, also called meningococcus. Best known as the cause of meningitis, this disease carries a high mortality rate if untreated, but is vaccine preventable.

The first dose should have been given **on or after** your child's 10th birthday and the second dose given at least 8 weeks after the first vaccine. If your child has not received the meningococcal vaccine, then one dose **on or after** their 16th birthday will be required before he or she begins 12th grade. Immunizations given before the child's 10th birthday are not compliant with the Illinois School code.

The Meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero, Trumenba) is a relatively new vaccine that physicians began to administer in July 2015. **Please be aware that the Meningococcal B vaccine does not meet the requirement for the Illinois School Code.** Students who receive the Meningococcal B vaccine will be non-compliant and will be unable to register for the 2018-2019 school year. Please verify with your physician that your child is receiving the correct vaccine.

High School District 211 has a first day exclusion policy. Students whose vaccinations are not compliant will be unable to start school on the first day of classes on August 13, 2018. In order for you to complete school registration for the 2018-2019 school year, proof of your child receiving the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) must be on file in the nurse's office.

If you have questions regarding when or if your child has received the meningococcal vaccine, please contact your physician or refer to your child's school immunization record using the Infinite Campus parent portal. If you have further questions, please contact your school nurse's office.

Sincerely,



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