

## Immunization Requirement for Class of 2016

Dear Parent:

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all incoming 12th graders will be required to show proof of receiving two meningococcal vaccines. Meningococcal disease describes infections caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*, also called meningococcus. While best known as the cause of meningitis, it carries a high mortality rate if untreated, but is vaccine-preventable.

The first vaccine should have been given **on or after** your child's 11th birthday, and the second vaccine **on or after** your child's 16th birthday. 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 the school year. Immunizations given before your child's 11th or 16th birthday will **not** be compliant with the Illinois School Code.

High School District 211 has a first-day exclusion policy. In order for you to complete registration, and for your child to begin school on the first day, proof of your child receiving the meningococcal vaccine needs to be on file in the nurse's office prior to completing the registration process. 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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