



## School Health Services

April 2, 2025

Dear 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

### **Vaccine requirement for 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade to have a second dose of meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4, Menevo or Menactra). If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered on or after the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, a second dose is not required.

#### **Meningococcal meningitis**

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but serious disease that develops rapidly and can claim a life in as little as one day. Of those who survive, approximately one in five are left with serious medical problems like amputation, deafness, and brain damage. Teens are at increased risk of meningococcal meningitis. This increased risk may be due to activities like sharing utensils and kissing.

You may obtain these vaccines from your child's health care provider or through another community resource. For your convenience, **Akron Children's Hospital will be offering these vaccinations at Coventry High School Wednesday, May 7, 2025.** Please see the attached for further information and the necessary consent form. **Consent forms are due by Thursday, April 24, 2025** if you would like your child to participate.

Students who do not provide documentation of these immunizations to the school this fall are subject to exclusion. If there are medical/religious or philosophical reasons your child cannot receive immunizations, please contact the school clinic for an Immunization Exemption Form.

Thank you,

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