



## School Health Services

May 2024

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 in the Fall 2024 for students who at that time are still in need of their required immunization. More information to be provided when available.

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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Dear 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

### Vaccine requirements for 7<sup>th</sup> graders

The state of Ohio requires all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to have the meningococcal vaccine (also known as MCV4, Menevo or Menactra) in addition to one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis).

#### **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.

#### **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)**

Tetanus causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over your body; diphtheria causes a thick covering in the back of the throat and can also lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure, and even death; pertussis causes coughing spells and can lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death, particularly in infants.

Vaccination is the best way to protect someone from getting the disease.

Please check with your child's pediatrician as your child may have already received these vaccinations. If your child has not received these vaccinations, you may obtain vaccinations from your child's health care provider or through another community resource. Akron Children's Hospital will be offering these vaccinations at Coventry Middle School in the Fall 2024 for any students who still need their required immunizations at that time. More information regarding the immunization clinic will be provided once available.

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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