ATTENTION PARENTS: NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

Public Health Law Section 2164: Effective September 1, 2016 all public and private school students entering grades 7 and 12 in New York State must be fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease in order to attend school.

- One dose is required before 7th grade. If your child had the 1st dose as a 6th grader or earlier, another dose is NOT required until 12th grade
- Two doses will be required before 12th grade. If your child received their 1st dose on or after their 16th birthday, they will NOT need a 2nd dose (booster) to enter 12th grade

Vaccine required to meet school requirements: MenACWY or MCV4–Menactra and Menveo

NOTE: Proof of immunizations MUST be submitted to your child’s school health office no later than September 1, 2016. Your child will NOT be allowed to start school without the appropriate immunizations on file.

What is Meningococcal Disease?

Meningococcal disease is a rare but dangerous disease that strikes healthy young people without warning. It can cause meningitis and sepsis. Meningococcal infections can be treated with antibiotics. But, even with treatment, about 10-15% of people who get sick will die. Another 10-20% will survive but suffer lifelong disabilities such as hearing loss, loss of arms or legs or brain damage. Source: http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal

For additional information, please see the following websites:

NYSDOH Meningococcal Fact Sheet: http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact_sheet.htm