

# Niagara Wheatfield Central School District

## 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.

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### **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](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/fact_sheet.htm)

NYSDOH Childhood and Adolescent Immunization web page:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood\\_and\\_adolescent.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood_and_adolescent.htm)