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Dear Parent/Guardian

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This is to inform you that as of Fall 2015 all incoming seniors will need to show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV). All twelfth graders will need to show proof of receiving two doses unless the first dose was administered after 16 years of age. In this case, only one dose after 16 years of age is required. This vaccination will prevent your student from a severe form of bacterial meningitis as well as other illnesses caused by this bacterium.

Some students may have already received this vaccine since it has been recommended for various populations in the recent past. In this case, all you need to do is provide the school verification of receiving the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Documentation accepted as complying with the requirement for students entering 12th grade includes the following information:

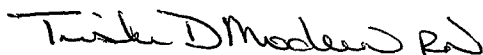
- A letter or note signed by your health care provider identifying the date the MCV was administered.
- Printout from your provider's electronic medical record (EMR) that indicates the vaccine was administered.
- Current Certificate of Child Health Examination form, specifying the date the MCV was administered.

In addition to your health care provider, many local health departments and pharmacies offer the vaccine. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that parents get their adolescent vaccinated now to avoid last-minute rush during the summer. Listed below are a two places that give vaccines:

1. LaSalle County Health Department (Ottawa) – (815) 433-3366
2. Hygienic Institute Community Health Center (LaSalle) – (815) 223-0196

I have enclosed the most current record I have on file for your incoming Senior for Fall 2016. All vaccines must be received in the Nurses Office by October 15, 2016. Students who remain non-compliant after this date will be exempt from school starting 10/16/2016 until compliant with IDPH regulations.

If you have any questions please call Trisha Modeen MSN RN PEL-CSN at (815) 431-2461.



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