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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We wanted to let you know about immunization requirements that will apply to students entering 12th grade in the 21-22 school year.

All incoming 12th graders are required to provide documentation that they have received **the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV), prior to the first day of school in August**. This vaccine is administered in a two dose series.

Please check with your health care provider in the near future to ensure that your student has received the Meningococcal vaccines. Two doses of MCV is required unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. Please bring one of the following forms of documentation to the school nurse **as soon as you can**:

1. Evidence from your student's health care provider that your student's immunizations are current, including month, day and year of immunizations, or
 2. Department of Health Medical Exemption form signed by physician, or
 3. Department of Health Religious Exemption form signed by parent/guardian. Exemption forms may be obtained from your local health department or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- Note:** You can no longer order exemption forms online.

In 2015, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services revised the Code of State Regulations, Immunization Requirements for School Children. This rule establishes the minimum immunization requirements for children enrolled in schools. For additional information or questions about this requirement, contact the Bureau of Immunizations at 573.751.6124. You can reference the rule at: [Missouri Secretary of State: Code of State Regulations](#).

Thank you for helping to ensure that your student meets this immunization requirement prior to the start of 12th grade. **Students who do not provide this documentation will not be allowed to start 12th grade until the requirement is met.**

Sincerely,

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Director of Health Services