

Immunization Requirement for Class of 2019

Dear Parents:

The Illinois School Code requires that all students entering 12th grade show proof of receiving two Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines (**MCV4**) before the start of their senior year. Meningococcal disease describes infections caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*, also called meningococcus. Best known as the cause of meningitis, this disease carries a high mortality rate if untreated, but is vaccine preventable.

The first dose should have been given **on or after** your child's 11th birthday. The second dose should be given on or after the 16th birthday. If your child has not received the meningococcal vaccine, then one dose **on or after** their 16th birthday will be required before he or she begins 12th grade. Immunizations given before the child's 11th birthday are **not** compliant with the Illinois School code.

The Meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero, Trumenba) is a relatively new vaccine that physicians began to administer in July 2015. **Please be aware that the Meningococcal B vaccine *does not* meet the requirement for the Illinois School Code.** Students who receive the Meningococcal B vaccine will be non-compliant and will be unable to register for the 2018-2019 school year. Please verify with your physician that your child is receiving the correct vaccine.

High School District 211 has a first day exclusion policy. Students whose vaccinations are not compliant will be unable to start school on the first day of classes on August 13, 2018. **In order for you to complete school registration for the 2018-2019 school year, proof of your child receiving the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) must be on file in the nurse's office.**

If you have questions regarding when or if your child has received the meningococcal vaccine, please contact your physician or refer to your child's school immunization record using the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). If you have further questions, please contact your school nurse's office.

Sincerely,



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