

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

The Iowa Department of Public Health made changes to the Iowa Immunization law in 2017. This change requires that all students entering 7th and 12th grade have a Meningococcal vaccine before school starts this fall.

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings. The vaccine will be required for both the 7th and 12th grade students. All students entering these grades must have proof of the Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement. Now is a great time for your child to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back to-school rush. If your child is not up-to-date with vaccination requirements by the start of the first day of school in the fall, he/she will be excluded from school attendance until immunizations are brought up-to-date, in accordance with the Iowa Immunization laws.

You are receiving this Thank you for your time and attention to this requirement.

If you have already taken care of this please disregard this letter.

Thank you,