



**ALLEN COUNTY**  
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Allen County Combined Health District

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Dear Parent of Current 11th Grade Student,

Beginning in 2016, students in Ohio were required to receive the meningococcal vaccine for entry into grades 7, and 12. Your child may have received one dose of this vaccine; however there is a two dose requirement if the first dose was given before age 16. Students without proof of vaccination will be subject to exclusion from school.

Even though the **meningococcal** vaccine is a new requirement for your child, there are a number of other recommended adolescent vaccines available. The following are a list of the recommended vaccines available at the health department for teens:

- **Meningitis (MCV4)**-one or two doses, depending on age, to protect against meningitis) - Teens are at increased risk for this bacterial infection. Meningitis can kill a healthy person in less than 48 hours. Survivors can have serious problems that last the rest of their lives. Most colleges require this vaccine for those students who live in dorms.
- **Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (Tdap)**-one dose to protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)-This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing. Pertussis has been increasing in recent years; therefore it is important to be up-to-date with vaccination. Teens can be sick for weeks with pertussis.
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus)**-two or three dose series to protect against HPV disease)- HPV disease is the leading cause of cervical cancer in women and genital warts in males and females.
- **Chicken Pox (Varicella)**-two doses to protect against chicken pox if not already immune from disease)-This disease causes fever and rash. In some cases, especially in teens, serious health problems may occur.
- **Hepatitis A (Hepatitis A)**-two dose series to protect against liver disease) – This disease is spread by close contact and sometimes by eating contaminated food or drinking water.
- **Influenza**- Recommended during flu season for everyone ages 6 months and older.

If you have any questions about these or any other vaccines or wish to make an appointment to receive a vaccine please call the health department at 419-228-4457.

Respectfully,

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