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Dear Parent of Current 11th Grade Student,

Students in Ohio are required to receive the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) 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.

The following vaccines are available at Allen County Public Health:

- **Meningitis (MCV4)-Required.** 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.
- **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 oropharyngeal cancer in males and females.
- **Meningitis B** – Although rare, meningitis B is a serious infection which can cause infection of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord. The vaccine is a series of two or three doses depending on the vaccine type and can be given to teens 16 - 18 years-of-age.

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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