

New for  
2020-21  
School Year

# Parents of Current 11th Graders

A meningococcal vaccine booster will be required as your child enters his/her senior year.

## About the Vaccine:

- Meningococcal vaccine is not a new vaccine. Your child's first dose was required in middle school.
- What's new is that a 2nd dose of the vaccine is required upon entering the 12th grade.
- If your child had his/her first meningococcal vaccine after 16 years old, one vaccine will meet the requirement.
- Your child may have already received the required vaccine. Check with your child's doctor.
- **Your child will have 30 days from the first day of school to have the vaccine on file or he/she will not be allowed to attend until proof of administration is on file. G.S.130A-152a,law 10A NCAC 41A.0401**
- Do not wait until the last minute. Make an appointment ASAP.

## About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes bacterial meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and infections of the blood.
- Adolescents and young adults are at greater risk.
- Meningococcal bacteria spread through saliva or spit, usually through close contact (coughing/kissing) or ongoing contact (living with a person who has the bacteria)
- Symptoms are usually sudden onset of fever, headache, and stiff neck as well as flu-like symptoms.
- Even when treated, meningococcal disease can lead to long-term

## Next steps:

1. Call your child's DOCTOR or the Scotland County Health Department for an appointment. 277-2440
2. Submit an updated immunization record to your child's school nurse.