

Bayport-Blue Point Union Free School District

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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2016-2017 School Year Immunization Requirement for Meningococcal Vaccine

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning September 1, 2016, all 12th grade students MUST HAVE proof of having been given Meningococcal vaccine (shot) in order to attend school.

- Students entering **Grade 12** in 2016 must have either:
 - 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine with the booster dose given on or after age 16
 - 1 dose if your child's first dose was given on or after age 16

Starting next fall, New York State law will require parents/ guardians to give the school an immunization record that shows their child has received, or has appointment(s) to receive the required vaccine(s) in order to attend school. This record may be from a health care provider, health department, or an official immunization record from the child's former school. The record must include:

1. Name of the vaccine
2. Date vaccine given
3. Who gave it, along with their title; or where it was given if at a clinic

Please contact your health care provider to make sure your child has what they need to attend school this fall.

Sincerely,

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New for
2016-17
School Year

Parents:

All kids entering 7th and 12th grade must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

Without it, they can't start school.

About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be **required** for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

To learn more, visit
health.ny.gov/immunize

Immunization is Protection.



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