



Our Lady of Victory School

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2019-2020 School Year Immunization Requirement for Meningococcal Vaccine

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All public and private school students entering 7th and 12th grades in New York State must be fully vaccinated against [meningococcal disease](#) types A, C, W and Y in order to attend school.

The meningococcal vaccine protects against serious and sometimes deadly diseases such as meningitis (an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and sepsis (blood infections). That's why the vaccine is sometimes called the meningitis vaccine.

The vaccine is administered as a shot.

Before school this September:

- **One dose of meningococcal vaccine is required before 7th grade.** If your child had the first dose as a sixth grader, then another dose is not required until 12th grade.
- **A total of two doses will be required before 12th grade.** Most students entering 12th grade got their first dose when they were younger and are now due for their second dose, or booster. This booster is needed because protection from the vaccine decreases over time.
- The **only** teens who will not need a second dose before 12th grade are those who got their first dose on or after their 16th birthday.

It's best to check with your doctor to see whether or not your child needs the vaccine. Students who are not up-to-date will not be allowed to attend school until they are vaccinated.

If you have any questions or concerns about immunizations, please contact the school nurse:

Peg Angello,
Principal

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School Nurse