

New Immunization Requirement for 2017-2018 School Year

The State of Iowa has passed a new law, requiring meningococcal (ACWY) vaccine for students entering grades 7 and 12, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Meningococcal disease is very serious. The vaccines are very safe and effective at preventing meningococcal disease. This vaccine requirement will assist in protecting the health of adolescents, friends, families, and communities. The required vaccine may be obtained through your student's healthcare provider.

Requirement for seniors fall 2017:

The new law requires 2 doses of meningococcal (ACWY) vaccines for students entering grade 12, if born after September 15, 1999. One dose of the vaccine is required if the first dose was received when the students was 16 years of age or older.

Students must have submitted proof of receiving the required vaccine before the first day of school, August 23, 2017, or they will be excluded from attending school and participating in activities.

Letters have been mailed home for those students entering grade 12 that will need the vaccine or a booster dose before school starts.

We strongly encourage you to complete this requirement as soon as possible. Please provide documentation of the completed vaccine to Mrs. Ness, the UHS Nurse.