Dear Parent of a student entering 12th grade for the 2020-21 School Year:

All students entering 7th and 12th grades for the 2020-21 school year have been required to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

- Two (2) doses of Meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered prior to entry into 12th grade. It is recommended that there is a minimum interval of at least eight (8) weeks between doses one (1) and dose two (2) of the meningococcal vaccine. If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.

Although adolescent vaccines have been available for several years, immunization rates for teens in the United States are far below national goals. Immunizations provide important benefits to teens, especially as they become adults. Lower disease rates among teens may also lower their chances of passing diseases to the elderly, children, and infants.

Additional vaccinations that are recommended for adolescents include:

- HPV to protect against HPV diseases such as cervical cancer and/or genital warts
- Hepatitis A to protect against Hepatitis A contracted thru exposure to contaminated food and/or water

Your child must receive the meningococcal vaccinations prior to entry into 12th grade. We encourage you to contact your primary physician, Life Care Clinic 330-454-2000 or the Canton City Health Department for vaccinations.

If you are a Canton City resident and plan to have your child vaccinated at the Canton City Health Department please pay special attention to the information below. Please attend to this vaccination as soon as possible. In the past, clinics were overrun and many students were unable to be seen causing some students to be excluded from class at several schools in the county.

Canton City Health Department
420 Market Ave. North
Canton, Ohio 44702
330-489-3322
Childhood Immunization Clinic: Mondays 8:20-11:20 am and 1:20 - 3:20 pm
2nd Thursday of the month 4:00-6:40 pm

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please call 330-489-3322 for an appointment. Vaccines will not be given without an immunization record. Cost for service/sliding fee discount. An application for Sliding Fee Discount requires income and address verification.

Documentation of vaccinations received MUST be returned to your child’s school.

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