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TO: Parents and/or Guardians
FROM: Marcia Reavley RN, Benjamin School District 25
SUBJECT: Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization Code Meningococcal Disease Immunization Requirements

The purpose of this memorandum is to update parents regarding the new specific meningococcal immunization requirements for school age children. Effective beginning school year 2018-2019, the following requirements are provided below:

In accordance with the Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization Code, Part 665.240 (l) (1) any child entering the sixth grade shall show proof of having received one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 11th birthday.

In accordance with the Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization Code, Part 665.240 (l) (2) any child entering the 12th grade shall show proof of having received 2 doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine prior to entering the 12th grade. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, and at least 8 weeks after the first dose.

If your child turns 11 after their 6th grade physical has been completed then you must have the physician sign a note indicating that the immunization is delayed until your child turns 11. Then once your child turns 11, they shall receive the vaccination accordingly and you should provide proper documentation to the school in order for your child to be compliant for school admittance.

For additional information, questions or concerns, please contact Marcia Reavley RN at mreavley@bendist25.org or 630-876-7820 ext. 3306, or contact your local health department.