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Cedar County, Iowa

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter contains important information regarding vaccinations for your 11th grade student.

Effective January 11, 2017, The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Bureau of Immunization, requires students enrolling in 12th grade who were born after September 15, 1999 to have one or two doses of meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) vaccine depending on their vaccination history.

Meningococcal vaccines are very safe and effective at preventing meningococcal disease, which is extremely serious and can result in death, hearing loss, limb loss or brain damage.

- If your child has previously received a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine BEFORE age 16, a second booster dose will be required prior to enrollment in the 12th grade.
- If your child has NEVER received a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine OR has previously received a dose of meningococcal vaccine AFTER age 16, only one dose will be required prior to enrollment in the 12th grade.

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of vaccines provided in your physician office. If this is not the case for you, please keep in mind that you may qualify for free vaccinations in our office if you meet one of the following criteria:

1. Are enrolled in Medicaid
2. Do not have insurance
3. Have insurance that does not cover vaccinations
4. Are American Indian or Alaska Native

The Cedar County Public Health office is located in the lower level of the courthouse at 400 Cedar Street in Tipton. We encourage you to talk to your health care provider today about protecting your son or daughter!

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