

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school has partnered with Margaret Mary Health in order to save you time and hassle by having a vaccine clinic during school hours this spring. **Most** insurance plans, including Medicaid, now cover vaccines. Please check with your insurance carrier if you are unsure of your coverage. Free vaccine is available to those who meet criteria for the Vaccine for Children Program.

### School Immunization Requirements

- **Meningitis (MCV4)** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> meningitis (MCV4) vaccine is required after the age of 16 but before entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Optional Immunizations

- Hepatitis A vaccine protects against liver disease. The vaccine is required for children entering kindergarten through Grade 2 and highly recommended by most colleges and other grades. It is 2 doses separated by 6 months.
- HPV (gardasil) vaccine is highly recommended for boys and girls. It protects against genital warts and cervical cancer.
  - 9-14 year olds: 2 doses separated by 6 or more months.
  - 15 years or older: 3 doses at 0, 1-2, and 6 months.
- Meningitis is a serious infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord which strikes without warning. Many die after being infected, and those who survive suffer disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage & amputations.

There are now 2 meningitis vaccines:

- Meningitis (MCV4) - It has been a school immunization requirement since 2014 for children to receive 2 doses around 11 and 16 years of age. This form of meningitis vaccine contains A, C, W, and Y serogroups.
- Meningitis B - For 16-23 year olds: In June 2015, a *new & additional* meningitis vaccine containing serogroup B was approved. This is an optional vaccine and does not replace the currently required MCV4 vaccine. The *new & additional* meningitis B vaccine is a series of 2 doses separated by 1 month.

### If you have any questions contact:

- MMH Occupational Health & Wellness Center at (812) 932-5105
- Your school nurse or healthcare provider

In order for your child to get vaccines during this school based clinic, you must **legibly** complete in black or blue pen, sign & date both forms and return them to school by:

**April 13th**

NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED