

Date: February 4, 2019

Dear Parent:

A vaccination clinic for **school-age children ages 11 to 18** will be held at the Hamlin Education Center on Thursday, February 28, 2019, starting at 9:00AM for the Tdap booster and the Meningococcal vaccine. **THESE VACCINES ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENTRY.** You can have your child get these vaccines here, or you can take them to your regular clinic. They just need to be done before your child enters 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **FILL OUT CONSENT FORM FOR EACH VACCINE, ATTACH COPY OF INSURANCE/MEDICAID CARD AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2019. CHILD MUST BE AGE 11 BY DATE OF CLINIC TO GET THE VACCINES.**

The Department of Health offers Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine for children ages 11 through 18 years. **Tdap** vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). If your child has already had a dose of Tdap, he/she does not need to be vaccinated with Tdap at this time, but will need a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) shot every ten years from the date of their dose of Tdap. **Meningococcal ACWY (MCV4)** vaccines can help prevent meningococcal disease caused by serogroups A, C, W, and Y. Two doses of MCV4 are routinely recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years old: the first dose at 11 or 12 years old, with a booster dose at age 16.

The Department of Health now bills insurance for vaccinations.

- Vaccine provided to children covered by Medicaid or private insurance will be billed to those insurances.
- If your child has coverage, a copy of the Medicaid or insurance card **must** be attached to the consent form
- Children **not** covered by Medicaid or private insurance qualify for vaccination through a federal vaccine program. The cost is \$20 per vaccination.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine but you are unable to attend the clinic, please complete the following:

1. Review the Vaccine Information statement carefully. Keep for future reference.
2. Complete the Consent Form(s) with a signature and the phone number you can be reached at during the time of the clinic.
3. **If your child has Medicaid or insurance, attach a copy of the child's card to the consent form. (This may also be mailed, scanned, emailed or texted)**
4. **Return the completed consent form and copy of insurance card to the school by Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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