

# Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

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### September 2016 Meningococcal Vaccine School Requirements Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Healthcare providers are reminded that vaccination against meningococcal types A, C, W, and Y (MenACWY vaccine; Menactra or Menveo) will be required for all students entering grades 7 and 12 this September.

Providers are also cautioned to order enough MenACWY vaccine to vaccinate all of their patients who will need it this year. If Providers need to order more MenACWY vaccine than usual for VFC eligible children in order to get students up-to-date for school, please note this in the comments section of their VFC vaccine order.

#### Meningococcal Vaccine Recommendations for School Entry - September 2016

1. Students entering Grade 7 will be required to receive 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY or MCV4). The only exemption will be children with documented medical or religious exemption.
2. Students entering Grade 12 will be required to receive two doses of MenACWY vaccine with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose received on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. If the 1<sup>st</sup> dose was received at age 16yrs or older then only 1 dose will be required according to ACIP (<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/>)
3. Students entering Grade 12 this fall who have not received a dose of MenACWY vaccine on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday will be required to receive an additional dose of MenACWY vaccine unless they have a medical or religious exemption to Men ACWY vaccine or a medical condition that puts them at high risk of the meningococcal disease.
4. Doses of vaccine against meningococcal serogroup B (Men B vaccine; brand names Bexsero or Trumenba) will NOT satisfy the grade 12 requirement.

For additional information, visit NYS's [meningococcal vaccine requirement webpage](#) or call Dutchess County Immunization Program at (845) 486-3409. Additional resources for healthcare providers may be found at:

#### **Meningococcal Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers**

[http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/docs/meningococcal\\_qa.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/meningococcal/docs/meningococcal_qa.pdf).

#### **Meningococcal Vaccine Fact Sheet Flyer for Posting**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2169.pdf>

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