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Dear Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent,

As a reminder, all incoming 12<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2022-2023 school year are required to have two doses of Meningitis vaccine for entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The required Meningitis vaccine is MCV4. It protects against four strains of Meningitis (A, C, W, Y). This vaccine was required when your child entered the 7<sup>th</sup> grade also. However, if they did not receive the 7<sup>th</sup> grade dose and this is their first dose, a second dose would not be required.

Other important vaccines to include are:

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) – three dose series protects against HPV disease.

- 4 out of 5 unvaccinated people will get HPV in their lifetime
- Protects males and females against related cancers and genital warts.

Meningitis B – two dose series protects against one additional strain (B) of Meningitis.

- This vaccine protects against the other common strain of Meningitis in the US

**Please consider scheduling an appointment early.** August is typically very congested with full clinics, so please do not delay.

If you have any questions or to schedule an appointment, please call the health department at 419-523-5608.

Sincerely,  
Putnam County Health Department