

# *Tinora High School*

*Building the future one student at a time*

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Dear Parents of 2020-2021 Grade 12 students,

All students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade must receive a dose of the **meningococcal vaccine** (MCV4, serogroups A, C, W, and Y) before the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 2020-21 school year, as required by Ohio law.

- The meningococcal vaccine was a new requirement for 12<sup>th</sup> graders starting in 2016. The bacteria that causes the meningitis infection can spread when people have close contact with someone else's saliva, like through kissing or coughing. Teens and young adults are at increased risk for meningococcal disease and it can become very serious. The meningococcal vaccine is the best way to protect teens from getting meningococcal disease.

Some 12<sup>th</sup> graders may have already received one or two doses of this vaccine, so to determine if your child still needs a dose, I have included the criteria. If your child received the first dose on or after the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, a second dose is not required. If your child has already received two doses of the vaccine, the series is complete and record of this needs to be turned into the HS office. Lastly, if your child received one dose before his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday a second dose is required by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 2020-2021 school year.

The High School office must receive proof of these immunizations prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 2020-21 school year, unless parent has submitted a reason of conscience, religious, or medical exemption. This also includes 2020-21 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be attending Four County Career Center.

These vaccines are available through the Defiance and Henry County Health Departments (hours listed below) or through most private physician offices.

Please note that some of the local health departments no longer receive vaccine supply for those covered by private insurance. The Ohio Department of Health only sends a limited supply of vaccines that are designated for children covered by Medicaid or those without insurance.

*In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, please know this is not an urgent matter and a special trip to the health department or doctor's office is not required at this time. This letter is to simply inform you of the requirement and deadline, so you have time to plan or look into whether your child may still need an additional dose or the one time dose.*

Sincerely,

Carol Hesterman, RN, BSN, LSN  
School Nurse

**Defiance:**

Defiance County Health

Department

First & Third Wednesday

8:30-10:30 am & 2-4 pm

If you have questions, please call:

(419) 784-3818

**Hicksville:**

(Located at the Hicksville Huber

Opera House)

Fourth Tuesday 10 am- 12 pm

& 1:30-4 pm

If you have questions, please call:

(419) 784-3818

**Napoleon:**

Henry County Health Department

Call 419-599-5545

to make an appointment.

All immunization clinics are by  
appointment only