



# ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardian of a Member of the Junior Class,

This letter is to inform you of the new vaccine requirements by the Department of Health that will take effect on September 1, 2016, for all incoming and attending 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The students will have to receive the adequate dose or doses of the vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. Survivors may be left with severe disabilities, including the loss of limbs, cognitive deficits, paralysis, deafness, or seizures.

**All Junior students (who will be in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in September must provide documentation of Meningococcal vaccine or a booster dated after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, you can hand in a copy of your child's updated immunizations. Suggestion: Make a copy for yourself, your child will need it for college to register for classes. No Senior will be able to attend school in September without proof of the immunization.**

Any questions feel free to call the school nurse Mrs. K Forgione RN at 718 441-2100 ext.123.

Thank you for your cooperation.

K Forgione RN

New for  
2016-17  
School Year

# Parents:

All kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

**Without it, they can't start school.**

## About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be **required** for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

## About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

**Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.**

To learn more, visit  
[health.ny.gov/immunize](http://health.ny.gov/immunize)

**Immunization is Protection.**



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