



## **New Vaccination Requirements**

### **Fall 2016**

The state of Ohio has some new vaccination requirements for students, starting this school year 2016 - 2017: students entering grades seven and twelve are required to receive a meningococcal vaccine.

Students entering seventh grade must have one dose of meningococcal (serogroups A, C, W and Y) vaccine, in addition to the current requirement of having one dose of the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) vaccine.

Students entering the 12th grade must have a second dose of meningococcal vaccine. The second dose must be administered on or after the student's 16th birthday. If the first dose of meningococcal vaccine was administered after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.

Some pediatricians are already giving the vaccine with other immunizations, so parents should check with their students' doctors. More information on the [meningococcal vaccine](#) is here; or learn about [Ohio school immunization requirements](#). The Franklin County Board of Health offers low-cost immunizations at various locations this month; to view a schedule of these opportunities, [click here](#).