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TO: School Health Officials

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SUBJECT: Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization Code Meningococcal Disease Immunization Requirements

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance and clarity to health care providers, school health officials and Immunization Program partners on the specific meningococcal immunization requirements for school age children. In consultation with the Department's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jennifer Layden, MD, Ph.D., and Immunization Program Administrators, effective beginning school year 2018-2019, the following requirements are provided:

In accordance with the Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization Code, Part 665.240 (I) (1) any child entering the sixth grade shall show proof of having received one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In accordance with the Child and Student Health Examination and Immunization Code, Part 665.240 (I) (2) any child entering the 12th grade shall show proof of having received 2 doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine prior to entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at least 8 weeks after the first dose. **If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.**

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