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Dear Parent/Guardian,

*This letter is to inform you of the **NEW** 11th Grade Immunization Requirements.*

Before starting the 2020-2021 school year, the state of Georgia now requires a booster dose of MCV4 (Menactra) for any student, 16 years or older, entering (or transferring into) the 11th grade school year. Students who have already received their *first dose, on or after the age of 16*, do not need another booster.

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma and death within hours of the first symptoms. To help protect your children and others from meningitis, Georgia law requires students be vaccinated against this disease, unless the child has an exemption.

Proof of this vaccine documented on the Georgia Immunization Form 3231 will be REQUIRED for your child to attend the first day of school, August 7, 2020.

Please contact your child's primary care provider or go to the health department and request a current Georgia Immunization Form 3231.

Health departments may charge a small fee for this service. If finances are an issue, please notify them upon signing in.

Please do not wait until August. Vaccine shortages have occurred in the past. Get your teen's form as soon as possible to avoid the summer rush or possible vaccine shortages.

Please contact your school nurse, primary care provider, or Hall County Health Department for more information.

Sincerely,

Principal

School Nurse