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Topic: MenACWY vaccination requirement for twelfth (12th) grade students

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To: Nevada Public, Private, and Charter School Chief School Nurses, Officials, and Administrators; Constituents; and Students

On December 10, 2020, and January 5, 2021, the State Board of Health and the Legislative Commission, respectively, adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 392.105 and 394.250. These changes implement a vaccination requirement that becomes effective after June 30, 2022.

As of the 2022-2023 school year, a student enrolling in 12th grade in a Nevada public, private, or charter school must:

- Receive an immunization against *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningitis) in the form of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY).
- Receive at least one dose of MenACWY on or after 16 years of age.
- Note that this new requirement **does not apply** to students enrolled in a Nevada public, private, or charter school before July 1, 2009.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends a single dose of MenACWY at 11-12 years of age, **followed by a booster dose** administered at 16 years of age.

Teenagers and young adults are at increased risk of meningococcal disease. All preteens and teens are encouraged to receive two (2) doses of MenACWY. Vaccines are proven effective in protection against meningococcal disease, including infection of the bloodstream and the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis). Even with treatment, about 10% to 15% of people with meningococcal disease will die from it. Meningococcal vaccines are the best way to protect preteens and teens from getting meningococcal disease.

The exact language of the new MenACWY vaccination requirement can be found at:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2020Register/R046-20AP.pdf>.

Interested parties may find the Technical Bulletins regarding the MenACWY vaccination requirement at:

https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School_Requirements/School_Requirements/.

If you have other questions regarding this required vaccine, send an email to nviz@health.nv.gov.