

# JEFFERSON AREA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This is to inform you that the state of Ohio is requiring all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a Tdap booster and one dose of the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4).

One dose of the Tdap vaccination is recommended for preteens at age 11-12 to continue providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

The meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) is a **new** required vaccine for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Ohio schools starting the 2016-2017 school year. The meningococcal vaccine is recommended to help protect your child from a severe form of bacterial meningitis as well as other illnesses caused by this bacterium.

Written proof of the date **both vaccinations** were administered is required from your child's health care provider at the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Students without adequate proof of these vaccinations will be subject to exclusion. If you have any questions, you can call me at 576-4731 ext: 1351.

Thank you,

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Nurse Supervisor