



LAFAYETTE
PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

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TO: Parents of 11th graders
FROM: Health Services
SUBJECT: New Louisiana Law on IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective July 1, 2019, Louisiana law will require students 16 years of age entering 11th grade or any grade to have a **second dose of Meningococcal vaccination**. Meningococcal vaccination (MCV) is required at 11 years of age and a second dose at 16 years of age.

These immunizations are required by Louisiana Public Health Department Act 196, Revised Statute 17:170.4. Exemption from this school entry requirement includes medical reasons or written dissent, Revised Statute 17:170 E continues to be allowed.

If your child has not yet received these vaccinations and you have not made an appointment, please do so at this time. The completed immunization record needs to be **turned in or faxed** to the school office as soon as possible after receiving these immunizations.

School Fax Number: 337-521-7601

We appreciate your effort and cooperation regarding this matter.

IMMUNIZATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED

- FROM YOUR DOCTOR
- LAFAYETTE PARISH HEALTH UNIT--262-5616 (Ext. 101) call to verify health insurance acceptance and to make an appointment.

BRING YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE APPOINTMENT

(Revised 3/2019)



State of Louisiana

Department of Health
Office of Public Health

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2019

TO: Vaccines Providers

FROM: Stacy Hall, RN MSN
Immunization Program Director

Frank Welch, MD MPH
Immunization Program Medical Director

Subject: 2019 Immunization Schedule

Priority: High

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisors
- Medical directors
- Clinic managers
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy staff
- Vaccine staff

The Louisiana Department of Health Immunization Program has updated the Louisiana Immunization Schedule to reflect a new legislative requirement for school entry. Effective July 1, 2019 eleventh graders or students 16 years of age will require two MenACWY vaccinations.

This 2019 Louisiana Department of Health Immunization Schedule has been posted to the LINKS Document Center at <https://lalinks.org>. Please follow this official Louisiana Immunization Schedule and continue to encourage timely immunizations.

Louisiana Register

January 20, 2019

RULE

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Bulletin 135—Health and Safety—Immunizations
(LAC 28:CLVII.303)**

Under the authority granted in R.S. 17:6 and in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has amended *Bulletin 135—Health and Safety*. The amendments are being made to align the rules with Act 196 of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session, requiring students who are entering the eleventh grade, or who are 16 years old and entering any grade, to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

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§303. Immunizations

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3. A student who is 11 years old and is entering a grade other than the sixth grade and a student who is 16 years old and is entering a grade other than eleventh grade must provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of entry into such grade at any school in the state.

4. Each student who is 11 years old and each student who is 16 years old and is participating in an approved home study program pursuant to R.S. 17:236.1 must provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease to BESE, as required.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, 17:170, 17:170.2, and 17:170.4.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 39:1029 (April 2013), amended LR 45:35 (January 2019).

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SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

June 15, 2018

John White
State Superintendent of Education
Louisiana Department of Education
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5234

Dear Superintendent White,

Effective July 1, 2019, Louisiana law will require students entering 11th grade, or 16 years of age and entering any grade, to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry. This requirement expands on the current requirement for students in 6th grade or that are 11 years of age.

This law originated from the passage House Bill No. 176, from the 2018 Regular Session by Representative Leger, which mandates this school entry requirement. Revised Statute 17:170 E continues to allow an exemption from this school entry requirement for medical reasons or written dissent.

Meningococcal vaccination is recommended for children at 11 and 16 years of age on the 2018-2019 Louisiana Immunization Schedule. The new requirement for two doses of the MCV will be added to the Schedule's section titled Louisiana State Law. Note that this requirement does not apply to the other meningitis vaccine, MenB.

This legislation requires the Louisiana Department of Education to notify each city, parish and other local school board, the governing authority of each nonpublic school system and the parent or legal guardian of students participating in an approved home study program.

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health staff are available for further discussion of this legislative mandate.

Sincerely,


Rebekah E. Gee, MD/MPH
Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health