

Dear Parent/Guardian;

Attached is information about meningococcal disease, provided to you in accordance with Indiana State Law IC 20-30-5-18. This information does not supersede any information obtained by your child's physician.

A meningococcal vaccine, MCV4 or Menactra TM, can be used for anyone ages 11-55. Vaccines can be obtained from your child's physician or through the DeKalb County Health Department's "Shots for Tots" program. Please follow up with your child's physician to determine if and when this vaccination is appropriate for your child. Also, all questions regarding the vaccination should be discussed with the physician.

In addition to the enclosed, you may also obtain supplementary information from any of the following websites:

- Indiana States Department of Health
 - <http://www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/meningococcal%20disease.htm>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/mening/mening_fs.htm
- The Indiana Department of Education Student Services, School Health
 - <http://www.doe.state.in.us/sservices/sn/htm>
- Academy of Family Physicians
 - <http://www.aafp.org>
- Academy of Pediatrics
 - <http://www.aap.org>

Please remember that this is only an informative letter. Meningococcal vaccination is only required by Indiana State Law for students in grades six through twelve (6-12). For the wellness of your child, please make certain you understand the information presented following this letter.

Sincerely,

DeKalb Eastern Nursing Staff