



# HILLCREST ACADEMY

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Parents and Seniors:

Iowa Immunization law requires that all students entering, advancing, or transferring into 12th grade and born after September 15, 1999, will need proof of two doses of meningococcal (A, C W, Y) vaccine (1 does received on or after 16 years of age); OR only 1 dose, if it was received when the student was 16 years of age or older. One dose HAS to be received at 16 years of age or older. **Proof of this OR a Medical/Religious Exemption is required.**

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings and typically affects older teens and young adults.

**ALL** students entering 12th grade must have proof of having the Meningococcal vaccine unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

Please contact your family healthcare provider or Public Health to make an appointment for your child to receive the Meningococcal vaccine. **Please return the Certificate of Immunization to the school as soon as possible. You can mail it, drop it off, or have it faxed to the school.**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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