New for 2016-17 School Year

## **Parents:**

All kids entering **7**<sup>th</sup> and **12**<sup>th</sup> **grade** must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

Without it, they can't start school.

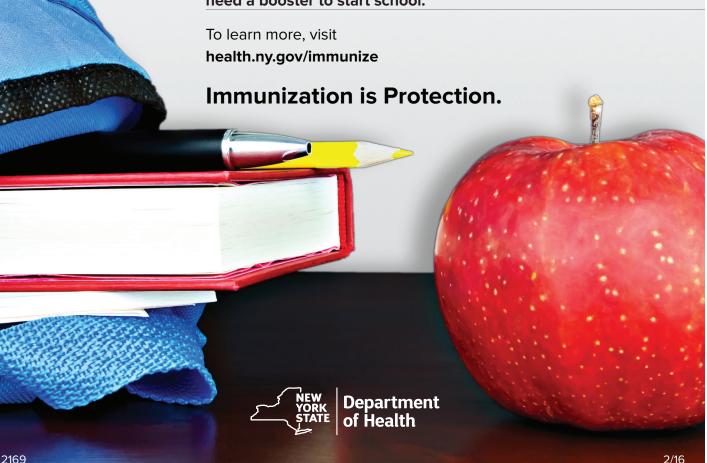
## **About the Vaccine:**

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be required for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

## **About Meningococcal Disease:**

- It causes bacterial meningitis and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- · Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.



A message from the clinic:

As of September 1, 2016 all  $7^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$  grade students MUST HAVE Meningococcal vaccines (shots) in order to attend school.

- . Students in GRADE 7 WILL REQUIRE proof of 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine.
- . Students in GRADE 12 will require either:
- (2) doses of meningococcal vaccine with the booster dose given on or after age 16
- (1) dose if your child's first dose was given on or after age 16

Please contact your health care provider to make sure your child has what they need to attend school this fall.

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