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Dear parent(s),

Georgia's immunization requirements for students entering or transferring into the eleventh grade have been revised to align with the current recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Effective July 1, 2021, all students who are new entrants or transfers into a Georgia school in the eleventh grade, will require proof of a booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY), unless their first dose was received on or after their sixteenth birthday. Additional information about these new requirements can be found at: <https://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section>

Houston County Health Department, in collaboration with Houston County School System, will be offering voluntary meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) drive-through Meningitis vaccine clinics on **August 23, August 25, and August 27 from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm behind Houston County Health Department located at 98 Cohen Walker Drive, Warner Robins, GA for students who will be rising 11 graders and need vaccination for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Attached you will find a consent form to complete and bring to the drive-through event. During the drive-through event, students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is 18 years or older to be vaccinated.

Accepted insurance plans for vaccines are listed on the consent form. Students covered by an accepted insurance company will have no out-of-pocket expense for vaccination. Students who do not have insurance coverage for vaccines may receive the vaccine at no cost.

A Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) is attached. This VIS provides additional information regarding the offered vaccine. Please review this information carefully prior to giving consent for your child to be vaccinated.

Other opportunities for MenACWY and other required vaccinations are available through your child's primary care provider, local pharmacies, and at Houston County Health Department.

Please contact Houston County Health Department at 478-218-2000 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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