

# **SOUTH CENTRAL CALHOUN SCHOOL**

## **New meningococcal vaccine requirement for 2017-2018 school year**

Beginning in January of 2017, students enrolling in 7th and 12th grades are required to have the meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) vaccine. This will be fully implemented at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. This change requires a one-time dose of meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) vaccine received on or after 10 years of age for applicants in grades 7 and above, if born after September 15, 2004; and 2 doses of meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) vaccines for applicants in grade 12, if born after September 15, 1999; or 1 dose if received when applicants are 16 years of age or older. For more information, visit [www.idph.iowa.gov/immtb/immunization/laws](http://www.idph.iowa.gov/immtb/immunization/laws).

Meningococcal disease caused by any serogroup is very serious. Approximately 10 to 15 percent of people with meningococcal disease die even with appropriate treatment. Of those who recover, up to 20 percent suffer from serious after-effects, such as permanent hearing loss, limb loss, or brain damage. Meningococcal vaccines are very safe and effective at preventing meningococcal disease. The meningococcal vaccine is 85 to 100 percent effective at preventing infection from the subtypes of meningococcus found in the vaccine.

Any questions please call the school nurses.  
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