

# SJP Parents:

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All 11th grade students entering 12th grade must have the meningococcal vaccine. Without it they can't start school.

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## About the Vaccine

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been **required** for school entry since 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 like 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.

To learn more, visit [health.ny.gov/immunize](https://health.ny.gov/immunize)

**Immunization is Protection.**



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