

**NEW!**

<Variable 1: State> **MANDATE ALERT**

<Variable 2: State Outline>

# IS YOUR TEENAGER UP TO DATE ON THEIR MENINGOCOCCAL PROTECTION?

## WHAT IS MENINGITIS?

Meningitis is a serious illness that causes swelling of the tissues that protect the brain and spinal cord.<sup>1</sup> There are different types of meningitis and are commonly caused by bacteria or viruses.<sup>1</sup>

## HOW CAN MENINGITIS AFFECT MY TEEN?

One type of meningitis, meningococcal meningitis, can cause long-term disabilities or death.<sup>2</sup> Meningococcal meningitis outbreaks can occur in schools and college campuses, where students are frequently close together.<sup>2</sup> This puts teenagers at higher risk of getting meningococcal disease and spreading it to others.<sup>2</sup>

## HOW CAN I HELP PROTECT MY TEEN?

A vaccine can help protect your teenager against meningococcal meningitis,<sup>3</sup> and it's covered by most insurance plans.<sup>4</sup>

### NEW MANDATE

Many states, including <Variable 1: State>, have passed laws requiring meningococcal meningitis vaccination for students. <Variable 3: State Mandate><sup>5</sup>



**MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS CAN BE SCARY, BUT CAN BE PREVENTED.**

Ask your doctor today if your child is up to date on their meningococcal vaccinations.

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**GEORGIA**

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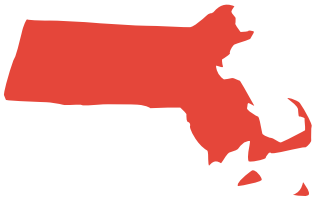
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### <Variable 3: State Mandate>

In fact, starting July 1, 2020, the Georgia Department of Health requires proof of a booster dose for all students who are new entrants or transfers into a Georgia school in the 11th grade, unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday.

In fact, starting August 1, 2020 the North Carolina Department of Health requires a MenACWY booster dose for students entering grade 12 or by 17 years of age, whichever comes first.

In fact, as of the 2019/2020 school year, the Kansas Department of Health requires 2 doses of MenACWY; 1 dose should be given at entry to 7th grade and the other dose at entry to 11th grade. For children 16-18 years of age, only 1 dose is required.

In fact, starting July 1, 2020, the Hawaii Department of Health requires 1 MenACWY dose for 7th grade entry.

In fact, beginning with the 2020/2021 school year, the Massachusetts Department of Health requires:

- 1 dose of MenACWY for grade 7 entry.

- 1 booster dose of MenACWY received on or after 16 years of age for grade 11 entry.

(1 or more doses of MenACWY are acceptable as long as 1 dose was received on or after 16 years of age.)

In fact, beginning with the 2020/2021 school year, The Idaho Department of Health requires 1 MenACWY dose for 12th grade entry, and a booster dose if the previous dose was given before age 16.

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