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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As your child's school nurse, I want to remind you of the importance of getting your son or daughter vaccinated as they go back to school. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your child from a number of serious diseases.

- Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is now required for preteens at age 11-12 for protection against bacteria that cause meningococcal disease. A **second shot is now required** for teens at age 16 or entering grade 11 to continue providing protection.
- One dose of Tdap vaccine is required for preteens at age 11-12 to continue providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).
- Preteens and teens must also now get the flu vaccine every year, ideally as soon as the vaccine is available.

Massachusetts **requires** one dose of Tdap, one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra), two doses of Varicella (chickenpox), and two doses of MMR for 7th grade school entry.

Massachusetts **now requires all 11th grade students** to receive their second dose of meningococcal conjugate (Menactra) before starting school.

If you have not already done so, please send in proof of vaccination as soon as possible.

Please contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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