

Middle School

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**MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
OR ENROLLING IN GRADE 7 BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

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Dear parents/guardians of incoming 7th grade students,

This letter is being sent to all parents of incoming 7th graders. Public Health Law Section 2164 requires all students entering or attending grade 7 to receive an adequate dose of the vaccine against meningococcal disease prior to the start of school on September 8, 2020.

Meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease which can lead to death within hours. The vaccine recommendations are as follows:

- A single dose of brand name Menactra or Menveo administered at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second booster dose of MenACWY vaccine administered at age 16.
- A serogroup B meningococcal vaccine series CMenB vaccine may be administered to young adults ages 16 and up.

Please consult with your child's physician as to the appropriate vaccine for your child. Written documentation must be provided to the school nurse prior to September 8th, 2020. Currently, section 2164 of the Public Health Law allows only medical exemptions to this mandatory immunization requirement. In such cases, your child's physician must provide written documentation as directed by the NYS DOH to the school nurse.

If you have any questions or require additional information please call the MS/HS Nurse, Ardijane Mahmud at (914)777-4810 or email Amahmud@ryeneck.org.

Sincerely,

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