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Dear 12th Grade Parent,

This has indeed been an unprecedented year; however, incoming 12th graders for the 2020-2021 school year are still required to have one or two doses of Meningitis vaccine for entry into 12th grade.

The required Meningitis vaccine is MCV4. It protects against four strains of Meningitis (A, C, W, Y). Two doses of the vaccine are required; however, if the first dose was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required. So if your child has never received this vaccine and is now over 16 years old, one dose would meet this requirement.

Other important vaccines to include are:

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) – three dose series protects against HPV disease.

- 14 million people in the US become infected with HPV each year
- Protects males and females against oral and anal cancer, and genital warts. Also protects females against cervical cancer.

Meningitis B – two or three dose series protects against one additional strain (B) of Meningitis.

- This vaccine protects against the other common strain of Meningitis in the US

Chicken Pox/Varicella – two doses are needed to protect your child.

- Requirement for second dose for Kindergarteners was initiated in 2010-11 school year. Check your record for 2 doses

Hepatitis A – two doses protect against Hepatitis A disease.

- Typically spread by eating food contaminated with Hepatitis A
- Causes fever, body aches, fever, yellowing of skin and eyes, severe stomach pain, and diarrhea.

The health dept. is maintaining social distancing guidelines during all clinics. Because of this we are having more clinics throughout the summer. Please consider scheduling an appointment early because we cannot allow more people in the building than distancing rules can safely support. August is typically very congested with full clinics, but please do not delay this year.

If you have any questions about these or any other vaccines or to schedule an appointment, please call the health department at 419-523-5608.

Sincerely,
Putnam County Health Department