

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Indiana law requires that parents/guardians be informed “about meningococcal disease and its vaccine” (IC 20-30-5-18) and “Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection” (IC 20-34-4-3).

Disease Name	Vaccine Name (to protect against disease)	Disease spread by	Symptoms	Complications
Meningococcal disease	MCV4 and Men B vaccines	Exchange of nose and throat droplets through coughing, sneezing, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.	Headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting, confusion, sleepiness	Meningitis, bloodstream infection, hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, loss of limbs, death
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	HPV9 vaccine	Contagious virus spread through intimate skin-to-skin contact	Often no symptoms but some are warts, pre-cancerous or cancerous lesions of mouth, throat, cervix***, anus, penis or other areas	Cancers of mouth, throat, cervix, anus, and genital regions, genital warts, and death from cancer

One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required for students in 6th grade and a booster dose is required for students in 12th grade.

All students entering 6th and 12th grades need to have a record from the child’s doctor indicating the vaccine was given or a record of this immunization in the state immunization registry (CHIRP) prior to the start of the school year.

Many local health departments and private healthcare providers offer these vaccines. Please contact your health care provider for specific instructions regarding your child.

Additional information on these diseases may be found on The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or IN State Department of Health websites.

Sincerely,  
INGDA School Nurse