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Dear Parent / Guardian:

The Portage County Combined General Health District (PCHD) would like to inform you of vaccine requirements that might affect your child. Per Ohio Revised Code 3313.671 – students must present proof of required vaccinations within 14 days of initial entry or at the beginning of each school year in order to remain in school.

All students entering the 7th grade will be required to have one dose of the meningococcal ACWY vaccine (also known as MCV4, Menveo, or Menactra) and one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis).

Other Age-Appropriate vaccine recommendations:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) – a vaccine series of two doses, 6 months apart; recommended for all 11-12 year old males and females since 2006 to prevent HPV-related cancers later in life.
- Hepatitis A virus – a series of two doses, 6 months apart. Since 2006, this vaccine became a routine recommendation for children greater than 1 year of age.
- Varicella (Chickenpox) virus – two doses of this vaccine after the age of 1 year have been recommended since 2006 and 2 doses are required for all students K-8th grade.

All students entering the 12th grade will be required to have a second dose of the meningococcal ACWY vaccine prior to entry. If the first dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the 16th birthday, a second dose is not required.

Ask your child's school if a Vaccination Clinic has been scheduled.

If you would like your child to receive vaccine(s) at this clinic, the **Next Steps for Parent / Guardian** are:

1. Please go to www.portagehealth.net Click on the "Nursing" tab at the top of the page; then click on the "Back to School Clinics & Vaccinations" link. Information for all the recommended and required vaccinations is on this page.
2. At the bottom of the page under "Related Forms & Documents":
 - a. Review the Portage County Health District HIPAA policy;
 - b. Review the Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) for the recommended vaccines;
 - c. Print the "Consent Form". Complete the demographic information and screening questions for your child. Sign and date the form. Please initial "Yes" for all vaccines that you would like your child to receive and initial "No" for the vaccines that you do not want your child to receive;
 - d. Complete the insurance information on the back of the consent form. PCHD does bill most insurance companies. If you do not have insurance or your insurance company is not listed, please call 330-298-4490 for additional information.
 - e. Return the completed consent form to the school nurse by the established deadline.

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These vaccines are also available at:

- The Portage County Combined General Health District located at 705 Oakwood Street, 2nd floor, Ravenna. Child immunization clinic hours are every Wednesday, 8:00 am to noon. No appointment necessary.
- Kent City Health Department at 414 E. Main Street, Kent, OH from 3:00 to 5:00 pm the third Wednesday of every month.
- Windham Renaissance Center at 9005 Wilverne Drive, Windham, every Monday, 4:00 to 7:00 pm.
- *Please bring your child's immunization records to each clinic.*

If you have any questions regarding vaccines or the clinic, please contact me at 330-296-9919, ext. 138.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan M. Forgacs, RN, BSN".

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