

Immunization News from the Nursing Division

Students graduating from High School are now preparing for college entry. Most colleges are strongly recommending or requiring meningitis vaccine (meningococcal vaccine) known as **Menactra**. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that causes meningitis. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Menactra vaccine is available at the Steubenville Health Department for students that would like to receive it prior to college entry. Please log on to the following link to review more information about meningococcal vaccine.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-mening.pdf>

The Ohio Department of Health requires all students entering grades 7 and 8 in the fall to receive one dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). Td vaccine (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccine is an acceptable alternative if your child has a medical reason for not taking the pertussis component. The Tdap vaccine will protect against Pertussis (also known as whooping cough), a severe respiratory illness that causes violent, rapid coughing that can last for extended periods of time. Tdap vaccine is available at the Steubenville Health Department.

Please log on to the following links for more information about Tdap and immunization requirements in Ohio.

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/newimmunereqs.aspx>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-td-tdap.pdf>

Please refer to Center for Disease Control and Prevention Travelers' Health site for important travel vaccine information.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2012/table-of-contents.htm>

Extensive travel vaccine information is also available at the Allegheny County Health Department Immunization Program located at 3441 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Call 412-578-8060 for information.

The Nursing Division offers vaccine clinics every Thursday from **9-11AM and 1-3PM**. Call 740-283-6000 Ext 1506, 1507, or 1508 to speak with a nurse for more information. Special evening vaccine clinics will be available in the near future; information will be posted here for your convenience.