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## Louisa County Public Health

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Louisa County Public Health (LCPH) would like to help your son and/or daughter receive the required vaccines before the beginning of 2021-2022 school year. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Bureau of Immunization, requires Meningococcal (Meningitis) and Tdap (tetanus/whooping cough) vaccine for ALL students enrolling into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. IDPH also requires a 2<sup>nd</sup> Meningococcal for ALL students enrolling into 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Vaccines are the best way you can protect your child from a number of serious diseases.

- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 for protection against bacteria that cause meningococcal disease, a very serious illness which can lead to death in as little as 48 hours. A second shot is recommended for teens at age 16 to continue providing protection.
- One dose of Tdap vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 to continue providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

LCPH will be offering these immunizations to students at the L&M Community School on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please have the attached form completed in its entirety and returned to the School Nurse, with insurance information by April 30, 2021. If there is no insurance, or if the insurance will not cover the vaccine, the child may still receive the vaccine(s) for \$5.00/each.

If you are unsure if your child needs the vaccines or if you have any questions at all, please feel free to call our office at 319-523-3981. To learn more about state immunization requirements, go to: [www.immunize.org/laws](http://www.immunize.org/laws).

Sincerely,

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