

# **Parents:**

## All kids entering **Grades 7-12** must have the **meningococcal vaccine.**

## Without it, they can't start school.

#### About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been **required** for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

#### About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

To learn more, visit health.ny.gov/immunize

### Immunization is Protection.

