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Dear Parent/Guardian of a CCSD Sophomore,

Beginning with the 2020-21 School Year, Georgia law (O.C.G.A § 20-2-771) requires all students entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade to provide the school with proof of an updated meningococcal booster vaccine (MCV4).

Families are encouraged to plan for this immunization requirement prior to the start of our next school year, which begins on Monday, August 3, 2020. The requirement applies to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students except those who received a first dose of the vaccine on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday or who have filed a religious exemption.

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma and death within hours of the first symptoms.

In order to offer opportunities for families to receive the newly required vaccine, the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) will hold a meningococcal vaccine booster clinic at Cherokee High School (930 Marietta Highway, Canton 30114) on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The clinic will be operated and staffed by DPH.

Students who are at least 16 years old on March 17, 2020 and are accompanied by a parent/guardian are eligible to attend the clinic. Students who do not have health insurance or an insurance plan that covers vaccines will be asked to pay administration fee at the clinic of \$21.90. Payment can be made in the form of cash, credit or check.

Participating students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian; bring proof of health insurance, if applicable; and have a completed, signed consent form. Consent forms (attached) should be presented to staff on the day of the clinic.

We appreciate DPH providing this opportunity to our families. For more information on this and other vaccines, visit <http://dph.georgia.gov/vaccines-children>. If you have questions, please contact CCSD Lead Nurse Jaime Stowe at [jaimestowe@cherokeek12.net](mailto:jaimestowe@cherokeek12.net) or 770.721.8480.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Trey Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Trey" and last name "Olson" clearly legible.

Trey Olson  
Chief Operations Officer

cc: Dr. Debra Murdock, Executive Director on Assignment  
All High School Principals  
Jaime Stowe, Lead Nurse

