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Dear Parent / Guardian:

The Portage County Combined General Health District would like to inform you of vaccine recommendations that might affect your child.

All students entering the 7th grade will be required to have one dose of the meningococcal 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.
- 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.

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

If you have been notified that the Portage County Health District will be coming to your child's school to administer vaccines, please complete the consent form, sign, and initial either "yes" or "no" for each of the vaccines listed that you want to be administered to your child. Also review the HIPAA policy and the applicable Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) for the vaccines that will be administered to your child.

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. Please bring your child's immunization records.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the clinic nurses at 330-296-9919 – extension 138 for Susie Forgacs or extension 114 for Christine Reese.