



## Broome County Health Department

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### Meningococcal Vaccine School Requirement

Dear School Superintendent:

As of September 1, 2016, all public and private school students entering 7th and 12th grades in New York State must be fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease types A, C, W and Y in order to attend school. This letter provides guidance on how you can ensure your students are compliant with this requirement.

Currently, many students within Broome County have not yet met this requirement. The Health Department has met with UHS, Lourdes, and Endwell Family Physicians and each is prepared for the influx of patients this requirement will cause in the upcoming weeks.

UHS, Lourdes, and Endwell Family Physicians have asked for parents to contact their child's primary care office to schedule an appointment for immunization. UHS, Lourdes, and Endwell Family Physicians are prepared to get the children in as soon as possible to comply with this regulation. UHS urgent care/walk-ins and Lourdes Vestal walk-in are also available to provide evening and weekend hours.

If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact our Division of Clinic Services at 607-778-2839. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I wish you, your faculty, and students, a safe and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean J. Britton".

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Director of Public Health