



**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Vaccines have been hailed as one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century. Nearly 20 million cases of infectious diseases and 42,000 deaths are prevented every year in the United States through timely vaccination. Vaccination is one of the best ways that parents can protect their infants, children and teens from 16 potentially deadly diseases. Vaccine doses are recommended at specific ages. It is recommended that teens receive vaccinations at age 11-12 and age 16. At 11, your teen should receive 1 dose of Tdap, 2 doses of HPV, and the first dose of Meningococcal ACWY. At 16, your teen should receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Meningococcal ACWY and 2 or 3 doses of Meningococcal B vaccines, depending on which vaccine is received. Please see the included handouts for further information about each vaccination. Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines are both required vaccine for continued school attendance.

Aitkin County Public Health will be offering the Tdap, HPV, and Meningococcal vaccines to students aged 11-12 and 16 who are newly eligible for, or older students who may be past due for, these vaccinations. This opportunity will be held at **Aitkin High School on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like your preteen or teen to receive the needed immunizations at school, please use the link below to register for an appointment.

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure to answer and fill out the insurance portion. If you do not have insurance, your cost will be \$19 per vaccine. Please make checks payable to Aitkin County Health and Human Services.

<https://prepmo.health.state.mn.us//appointment/en/reg/6095129248>

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to know the vaccination status of your child, please contact Brea Hamdorf at Aitkin County Public Health at 927-7256.

Sincerely,

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