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FACT SHEETS ON MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

To: Parents and Guardians of students in Grade 6

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The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has developed the attached fact sheets about meningococcal meningitis to inform students and families about meningococcal meningitis, the causes, symptoms and means of transmission. The fact sheets also talk about the availability, effectiveness and risks of the meningitis vaccine and provides information as to where additional information can be obtained. The fact sheets can be viewed on our web by going to www.millvillenj.gov. They can also be obtained through your child's nurse.

Please talk to your child's healthcare provider to ask about the availability and advisability of having your child receive this vaccine.

Should you elect to have your child immunized for this condition, please obtain a record of the immunization and send a copy in to your child's school nurse.

If you do not have medical insurance or your insurance does not cover immunizations, the Cumberland County Health Department provides free immunizations for children at their Shots for Tots Clinic. It is held the 4th Thursday each month at the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. 2nd St & Pine St. from 10:00AM-12:00 PM. Use the back entrance to the church. Call 856-453-2160 for more information. To qualify for the free immunizations, the child must be 2 months old to 18 years old. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The parent/guardian must bring an up to date shot record. Shots for Tots accepts children without insurance or children with insurance that does not cover immunizations. If your child has Medicaid or is fully insured please see your child's healthcare provider.

Another resource is Community Health Care, located in the old Millville Hospital Emergency Dept. on 1200 N. High St. They provide health services including immunizations to individuals who do not have insurance or children with insurance that does not cover immunizations. They are a walk-in service. Hours of operation are 8:30AM-5PM Mon-Fri and to 9:00PM on Tuesdays only. Call 825-7959 for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly Schneider".

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