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TO: College Health Services and Administrative Personnel
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DATE: May 12, 2014
SUBJECT: Revision to the College Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of a change to the college Meningococcal Vaccine requirement effective January 1, 2015. The change **only** applies to students first enrolling in the 2014-15 school year (not students who are already enrolled) and each new enrollee thereafter. Students enrolling in the 2014-15 school year and living in on-campus housing will be required to show proof of having received a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine within the past 5 years or submit a medical or religious exemption against such vaccination (see below).

Sec. 39. Subsection (a) of section 10a-155b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

(a) For students who first enroll in the 2014-2015 school year, and first enroll in each school year thereafter, each public or private college or university in this state shall require that each student who resides in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningitis and submit evidence of having received a meningococcal conjugate vaccine not more than five years before enrollment as a condition of such residence. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any such student who (1) presents a certificate from a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stating that, in the opinion of such physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant, such vaccination is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of such student, or (2) presents a statement that such vaccination would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such student

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.