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Attention Nevada Middle and High Schools,

As of the 2022-2023 school year, a student enrolling in 12th grade in a Nevada public, private, or charter school is required to receive at least one dose of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) on or after 16 years of age.

Due to the new requirement, we are providing 50 FAQ flyers to all middle and high schools in Nevada. The FAQ flyer contains information about what meningococcal disease is, why to get vaccinated against it, the safety of the vaccines, the new requirement for incoming 12th graders, and where to get vaccinated.

Please feel free to disseminate these FAQ flyers to your students before the end of the school year, prioritizing those entering 7th or 12th grade. Additionally, we have also attached the technical bulletin from the Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) about this particular requirement. If you would like an electronic copy of the FAQ flyer or have any other comments, questions, or concerns please contact info@immunizenevada.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Atención, escuelas secundarias y preparatorias de Nevada:

Para el año escolar 2022-2023, un estudiante que se matricule en el 12.º grado en una escuela pública, privada o charter de Nevada, tiene requerido recibir por lo menos una dosis de la vacuna meningocócica cuadrivalente conjugada (MenACWY) al cumplir los 16 años o después.

Debido al nuevo requisito, estamos otorgando 50 folletos de Preguntas Frecuentes para todas las escuelas secundarias y preparatorias de Nevada. El folleto de Preguntas Frecuentes contiene información sobre lo que es el trastorno meningocócico, porque deben vacunarse en contra de este, la seguridad de las vacunas, el nuevo requisito para quienes entran al 12.º grado y dónde vacunarse.

Por favor, no dude en distribuir estos folletos de Preguntas Frecuentes a sus estudiantes antes del fin del año escolar, priorizando a aquellos que entran a 7.º o 12.º grados. Adicionalmente, también adjuntamos un boletín técnico del Programa de vacunación del estado de Nevada (NSIP, por sus siglas en inglés) sobre este requisito en particular. Si quiere una copia electrónica del folleto de Preguntas Frecuentes o cualquier otro comentario, preguntas o inquietudes, por favor, contacte a info@immunizenevada.org. Gracias.

Atentamente,

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Technical Bulletin

Date: February 23, 2022
Topic: New Vaccination Requirement for Nevada Public, Private, and Charter Schools
Contact: Cathy Looc or Pamela Forest, MD – Nevada State Immunization Program
To: Immunization Providers, School Nurses, County Health Officers, Department of Education, School District Administrators, Boards of Trustees of School Districts, Public School Officials, Charter School Officials, and Private School Officials

Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 392.105 and 394.250 were adopted by the State Board of Health on December 10, 2020, and adopted by the Legislative Commission on January 5, 2021.

Pursuant to NAC 392.105 and 394.250 the following regulation changes now apply and will be required as of the 2022-2023 school year:

1. A student enrolling in 12th grade in a Nevada public, private, or charter school after June 30, 2022, must receive an immunization against *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningitis) in the form of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The student must receive at least one dose of MenACWY on or after 16 years of age.
2. This new requirement **does not apply** to students enrolled in a Nevada public, private, or charter school before July 1, 2009.

All students enrolling into kindergarten, 7th grade, 12th grade, or those who are new to a Nevada school district for any grade must be fully vaccinated per the regulations as illustrated in the table on page 2. The newly required MenACWY vaccination has been highlighted. Students must be fully vaccinated **prior to** being enrolled into school.

Vaccines can help prevent meningococcal disease, which is any type of illness caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends a single dose of MenACWY at 11-12 years of age, followed by a booster dose administered at 16 years of age.

Conditional enrollment is only permitted when a student would need multiple visits to a health care provider to achieve compliant status. If all needed doses can be administered at one appointment, then the student **cannot enroll** in school until they are vaccine compliant. As a reminder, only medical and religious exemptions are permitted per [NRS 392.437-439](#) and [394.193-194](#).

The exact language of the new vaccination requirement and immunization exemption requirement can be found at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2020Register/R046-20AP.pdf>

NV WebIZ is the statewide immunization information system used in Nevada; it can assist an authorized user in determining if a student is compliant with Nevada's immunization requirements. Authorized users can access the system online at https://webiz.nv.gov/webiznet_nv/Login.aspx. School officials interested in NV WebIZ access may contact the Help Desk at (775) 684-5954 or by e-mailing izit@health.nv.gov.

| Nevada School-Required Vaccination Schedule | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Required Vaccines | 2 mo. of age | 4 mo. of age | 6 mo. of age | 12-15 mo. of age | 18-24 mo. of age | 4-6 yrs. of age | 11-12 yrs. of age | 16 yrs. of age | Total Doses Required PRIOR to School Entry |
| DTP, DT, DTaP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5* | | | 4 or 5 *If dose #4 is administered on or after 4 th birthday, #5 is not needed |
| Polio (IPV) | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | 4* | | | 3 or 4 *If dose #3 is administered on or after 4 th birthday, #4 is not needed. |
| MMR | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | 2 (doses must be at least 4 weeks apart) |
| Hepatitis B | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| Varicella | | | | 1 | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Hepatitis A | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 2 (doses must be at least 6 months apart) |
| Tdap | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Men-ACWY | | | | | | | 1 | 2* | 1 or 2 *If dose 1 is administered on or after 16 th birthday, no further doses required. |

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the [Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Technical Bulletins web page](#) and Nevada's Health Response [website](#) regularly. Please email nviz@health.nv.gov for other questions regarding school vaccination requirements.



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FAQs: on the MenACWY Vaccine

WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE?

- A bacterial infection of the meninges (lining of the brain) that causes swelling of the brain and spinal cord membranes.
- A bacterial infection of the blood stream which can cause shock and multiorgan failure.

WHY SHOULD I GET VACCINATED AGAINST MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE?

Meningococcal disease kills 10 to 15 out of every 100 infected people. Of those who survive, 20 out of every 100 people will suffer disabilities such as loss of limbs, kidney damage, or brain damage.

HOW CONTAGIOUS IS MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE?

Meningococcal disease is mild to moderately contagious. However, prolonged close contact with an infected person increases the risk of transmission. This is a concern for schools, college dormitories, and military dormitories.

WHO CAN GET MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE?

Anyone can get Meningococcal disease, but it is most common in infants, children, teens, young adults, and those older than 65 years.

WHAT IS THE MENACWY VACCINE?

The MenACWY vaccine provides protection against four serotypes of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W, and Y. Of these four serotypes, W and Y more commonly cause disease in the United States.

IS THE MENACWY VACCINE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS IN NEVADA?

Yes, as of the 2022-2023 school year, a student enrolling in 7th grade and 12th grade in a Nevada public, private, or charter school must receive an immunization against *Neisseria meningitidis* in the form of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY).

HOW MANY DOSES ARE REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL REGISTRATION?

- At least one dose of MenACWY on or after 16 years of age to enter 12th grade
- At least one dose of the MenACWY on or after 10 years of age to enter 7th grade

CAN THE VACCINE CAUSE MENINGITIS?

No, the MenACWY vaccine is not a live vaccine and cannot cause infection.

IS THE VACCINE SAFE?

There are three formulations of MenACWY vaccines available for use in the United States. All three have been licensed by the FDA as safe and effective:

- Menactra®
- Menveo®
- MenQuadfi®

DOES THE BRAND OF THE VACCINE MATTER?

No, all three brands of the MenACWY vaccine have been licensed by the FDA as safe and effective. All three of the MenACWY vaccines are interchangeable for people ages 2 and up.

ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS OF THE VACCINE?

The following mild side effects may occur: redness and soreness where the shot was given, muscle pain, headache, and fatigue. However, side effects typically resolve within 1 to 2 days.

WHERE CAN I GET THE VACCINE?

- Contact your primary care provider and schedule an appointment
- Local pharmacies
- Health Districts
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- For more vaccine locations, visit Immunize Nevada's website to locate a vaccine clinic near you: <https://www.immunizenevada.org/find-vaccine-clinics>

RESOURCES:

[Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine: What You Need to Know](#)

[Meningococcal: Questions and Answers](#)

[Meningococcal Vaccination](#)



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Preguntas Frecuentes: sobre la vacuna MenACWY

¿QUÉ ES LA INFECCIÓN MENINGOCÓCICA?

- Es una infección bacteriana de las meninges (recubrimiento del cerebro) que causa inflamación de las membranas del cerebro y de la médula espinal.
- Una infección bacteriana del torrente sanguíneo que puede causar shock y falla de varios órganos.

¿POR QUÉ ME DEBERÍA VACUNAR EN CONTRA DE LA INFECCIÓN MENINGOCÓCICA?

La infección meningocócica mata de 10 a 15 de cada 100 personas infectadas. De aquellos que sobreviven, 20 de cada 100 personas sufren discapacidades, como pérdida de extremidades, daño renal o cerebral.

¿QUÉ TAN CONTAGIOSA ES LA INFECCIÓN MENINGOCÓCICA?

La infección meningocócica es de leve a moderadamente contagiosa. Sin embargo, el contacto cercano prolongado con una persona infectada incrementa el riesgo de transmisión. Esta es una preocupación para las escuelas, para los dormitorios universitarios y militares.

¿QUIÉN PUEDE CONTRAER LA INFECCIÓN MENINGOCÓCICA?

Cualquier persona puede contraer la infección meningocócica, pero es más común en bebés, niños, adolescentes y adultos jóvenes, y en aquellos mayores de 65 años.

¿QUÉ ES LA VACUNA MENACWY?

La vacuna MenACWY ofrece protección en contra de cuatro serotipos de bacteria meningocócica: A, C, W, y Y. De estos cuatro serotipos, W y Y son los que más comúnmente causan la enfermedad en Estados Unidos.

¿SE REQUIERE LA VACUNA MENACWY PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES EN NEVADA?

Sí, a partir del año escolar 2022-2023, un estudiante que se matricule de los grados 7.º a 12.º en una escuela pública, privada o charter, debe recibir inmunización en contra de Neisseria meningitidis, en la forma de la vacuna meningocócica cuadrivalente conjugada (MenACWY).

¿CUÁNTAS DOSIS SE REQUIEREN PARA LA MATRICULACIÓN EN LAS ESCUELAS?

- Por lo menos una dosis de MenACWY al cumplir los 16 años o después, para entrar al 12 grado.
- Por lo menos una dosis de MenACWY al cumplir los 10 años o después, para entrar al 7 grado.

¿PUEDE LA VACUNA CAUSAR MENINGITIS?

No, la vacuna MenACWY no es una vacuna viva y no puede causar infección.

¿ES SEGURA LA VACUNA?

Hay tres fórmulas de las vacunas MenACWY disponibles para uso en Estados Unidos. Las tres han recibido licencia de la FDA, como seguras y efectivas:

- Menactra®
- Menveo®
- MenQuadfi®

¿IMPORTA LA MARCA DE LA VACUNA?

No, las tres marcas de la vacuna MenACWY han recibido licencia de la FDA como seguras y efectivas. Las tres vacunas MenACWY son intercambiables para personas de 2 años y mayores.

¿HAY ALGÚN EFECTO SECUNDARIO POR LA VACUNA?

Los siguientes son efectos secundarios leves que pueden ocurrir: enrojecimiento y dolor en el lugar de la inyección, dolor muscular, dolor de cabeza y fatiga. Sin embargo, los efectos secundarios típicamente se resuelven en 1 o 2 días.

¿DÓNDE PUEDO OBTENER LA VACUNA?

- Contacte a su proveedor de atención primaria y programe una cita
- Farmacias locales
- Distritos de salud
- Centros de salud federalmente calificados
- Para obtener información sobre más lugares para obtener la vacuna, visite el sitio web de Immunize Nevada para ubicar una clínica de vacunación cerca de usted: <https://www.immunizenevada.org/find-vaccine-clinics>

RECURSOS:

[Vacuna Meningocócica ACWY: Lo que necesita saber](#)
[Meningocócica: Preguntas y Respuestas sobre la Vacuna Meningocócica](#)
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