

I am writing to inform you of new immunization requirements for high school students in the state of Kentucky. These new requirements affect all students in private, parochial, and public schools in grades 9 through 12:

- **All students should have two (2) doses of Hepatitis A vaccine. Parents should start the process of vaccination now, because the minimum time between the doses is six (6) months.**
- **Students 16 years or older should have received two (2) doses of meningococcal ACWY vaccine. If a student has not previously received a dose of the vaccine and is age 16 or older, only one (1) dose is required for school entry for 2018-19.**
- **There is a new format for Kentucky Immunization Certificates, and all students are required to obtain and submit the updated certificate to schools.**

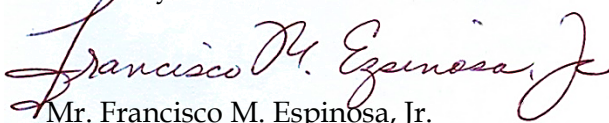
All parents should take the following steps:

- **Consult with your child's healthcare provider to ensure that these vaccines have been given to your child, or make an appointment for your child to receive the vaccine(s).**
- **Obtain an updated Kentucky Immunization Certificate from your provider.**
- **Turn in a copy of that Kentucky Immunization Certificate to the Student Services office at Saint Xavier High School.**

The "Kentucky Immunization Project" website has excellent information for parents and contains the immunization requirements, FAQs, infographics of immunization requirements, samples of the new immunization certificate, and more. This can be found at:

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/Immunization.htm>.

Sincerely,



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Principal