The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommend your child receive the following vaccines:

- Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4 or MenACWY) is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 for protection against bacteria that cause meningococcal disease, a very serious illness which can lead to death in as little as 48 hours. A second shot is recommended for teens at age 16 to continue providing protection. **Nevada will begin requiring this vaccine for 7th grade school entry and for incoming university freshmen in 2017.**

- HPV vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 to protect against cancers and other diseases caused by HPV infection. Both boys and girls should receive doses of HPV vaccine to protect against these serious diseases. If your child receives the vaccine before age 14, they will only need 2 doses of the vaccine.

- One dose of Tdap vaccine is recommended for preteens at age 11 or 12 to continue providing protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). **Nevada requires Tdap for 7th grade school entry.**

- Preteens and teens should also get the flu vaccine every year, ideally as soon as the vaccine is available.

Protect your preteen and talk with your child’s healthcare provider about what vaccines they need.

**WHAT IS MeningOCOCCAL DISEASE?**

- Meningococcal disease can refer to any illness that is caused by the bacteria Neisseria meningitidis, also known as meningococcus. These illnesses are often severe and include infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (bacteremia or septicemia).

- Approximately 600 – 1,000 people contract meningococcal disease in the U.S. each year.

- Meningococcal disease is rare, but it can be deadly, leading to death in 10-15% of cases.

- Among those who survive, as many as 19% (1 in 5) live with permanent disabilities, such as brain damage, hearing loss, loss of kidney function or limb amputations.

- Prevention of meningococcal disease is critical because it can be mistaken for flu or other viral infections and it can rapidly lead to death or disability.

**WHERE TO GO**

Recommended adolescent vaccines, including MCV4, can be administered by doctor’s offices, pharmacists, healthcare professionals at community clinics, community health nurses, and local health districts. Additionally, the Nevada Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides vaccines to children who are uninsured/underinsured, eligible for Medicaid, or Alaska Native/American Indian. For a list of community immunization events in Nevada, visit [immunizenevada.org/calendar](http://immunizenevada.org/calendar).

Please visit the following websites for more information:

- For information on vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases, visit [cdc.gov/vaccines](http://cdc.gov/vaccines)

- For information about Nevada’s school immunization requirements, visit [immunizenevada.org/NVSchoolRequirements](http://immunizenevada.org/NVSchoolRequirements)

- For information on how to access free or low-cost vaccines, visit [VFCNevada.org](http://VFCNevada.org)