

**COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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**School Board Notification to Parents: Meningitis, Influenza, HPV  
(also known as Garrett's Law)**

**§ 115C-375.4. Meningococcal Meningitis and Influenza and Their Vaccines.**

Local boards of education shall ensure that schools provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. (2005-22, s. 4(a), (b).)

In 2007 the General Assembly of North Carolina enacted the following to include HPV:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

(49) To Ensure that Schools Provide Information Concerning Cervical Cancer, Cervical Dysplasia, Human Papillomavirus, and the Vaccines Available to Prevent These Diseases. – Local boards of education shall ensure that schools provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five through 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and places parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children."

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