

CHAPTER 64

AN ACT concerning the distribution of information regarding meningococcal meningitis to parents of certain school-aged children and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.26:2X-3 Development of educational fact sheet concerning meningococcal meningitis.

1. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall develop an educational fact sheet concerning meningococcal meningitis for distribution to parents or guardians of students in grades 6 through 12, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2006, c.64 (C.18A:40-21.2). The educational fact sheet shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

- a. the causes, symptoms and means of transmission of meningococcal meningitis;
- b. the availability, effectiveness and risks of the meningitis vaccine; and
- c. where additional information concerning the disease can be obtained.

C.18A:40-21.2 Distribution of fact sheet on meningitis.

2. a. (1) For the 2006 school year, a school district shall distribute to parents and guardians of students in grades 6 through 12 the educational fact sheet on meningitis prepared pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2006, c.64 (C.26:2X-3), in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

(2) Beginning with the 2007 school year, a school district shall distribute the educational fact sheet annually to parents or guardians of students in the sixth grade in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

b. The Commissioner of Education shall also make the educational fact sheet available to private schools educating students in grades 6 through 12, or any combination thereof. Such schools are encouraged to distribute the fact sheet to parents or guardians of students at the school; however, nothing in this section shall be construed to require such schools to distribute the fact sheet.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 2, 2006.