



MEDIA ADVISORY

The Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and The Ohio Department of Health Partner to Raise Awareness about Meningococcal Disease Vaccine Requirement and Launch New Immunization App

WHO:

- Sen. Cliff Hite, sponsor of SB 121 requiring students be immunized against meningococcal disease
- Dr. Mary DiOrio, Medical Director, Ohio Department of Health
- Dennis Cunningham, MD, FAAP
- Melissa Wervey Arnold, Chief Executive Officer, Ohio AAP
- Samantha Bennett, parent and meningitis survivor

WHAT:

A new law goes into effect for the 2016-2017 school year that requires all Ohio students entering the 7th and 12th grade to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease, which can cause infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (bacteremia or septicemia), both of which are very serious and can be fatal.

The Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) are working together to ensure parents are aware of the new meningococcal vaccine requirement share resources that can help them stay up-to-date on important vaccine information.

Fast Vax Facts, a new app featuring valuable, pediatrician-approved immunization resources for parents and guardians, is now available for free download in the App Store and Google Play. Key features and functionality of the app will be demonstrated during the press conference. (OhioAAP.org/FVF)

WHEN:

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

10:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Ladies Gallery, Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH

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