

**CITY OF RYE  
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Marcus Serrano, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: June 2, 2017

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 6-1 Notice regarding a Rye City School District Board of Education Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room.
- 6-2 Notice from the Westchester County Department of Health regarding an outbreak of mumps on college campuses and the importance of having college students vaccinated.
- 6-3 Meeting notice for the week of June 5, 2017 is available on the City website [www.ryeny.gov](http://www.ryeny.gov) under Calendar.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **June 6, 2017 Board of Education Meeting**

The Rye City School District Board of Education will meet **Tuesday, June 6, 2017** beginning at 8:00 PM in the Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room.

Prior to the meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m. the Board will meet in Executive Session at Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room for the review of the employment history of current and prospective employees, negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law, review of current litigation and litigation strategy.

The Board will host a Tenure Reception at 7:30 p.m. recognizing those individuals that have earned tenure this school year.

The Board will also host a Reception at 8:00 p.m. to thank Dr. Brian Monahan for his highly successful year as Superintendent.

On the agenda are fiscal, special education, personnel and business items that ordinarily come before the Board.

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting of the Board and to speak at designated times.



Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive

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## NEWS RELEASE

Sherlita Amler, MD, Commissioner, Department of Health

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### **CHECK YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT'S VACCINATION STATUS**

#### **Mumps Has Been Circulating on College Campuses Nationwide; Vaccination Offers the Best Protection**

Mumps, a highly contagious viral disease, has been circulating on many college campuses and in 42 states nationwide, so as college students return home for the summer, Westchester County wants to remind families to check their students' vaccination status and to be aware of the symptoms of mumps, in case their students develop it after they come home.

"To protect your students and family from mumps and other infectious diseases, now is a good time to catch up on any needed immunizations," said Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino. "Our county health department can help."

Any college student of any age, regardless of insurance status, can receive MMR vaccine, which covers measles, mumps and rubella, at the health department's immunization clinics in White Plains or Yonkers. Uninsured and underinsured adults 19 and older for whom vaccines are not covered by insurance are eligible to receive other vaccines, too. Call 914-995-5800 for an appointment.

"MMR vaccine offers the best protection from mumps, and with this disease circulating on campuses, it's especially important to be sure your student is vaccinated," said Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD. "Vaccination can prevent the spread of illness and help your student avoid missing class in the event of an outbreak."

The mumps usually start with fever, headache and muscle weakness, stiff neck and loss of appetite. The characteristic swelling and tenderness (chipmunk cheeks) of the glands in the cheek or lower jaw follows. If you suspect a family member may have the mumps, consult your physician. Call the doctor's office to alert them before going in because mumps is highly contagious. People with the mumps should stay home and away from public places and limit contact with others, including household members.

Living, socializing and studying together in dormitories and shared spaces, college students are vulnerable to the spread of mumps and other airborne diseases, even when fully vaccinated. When there is an

outbreak, it is common to exclude from campus students who are not vaccinated for 25 days after the last possible exposure if they do not get vaccinated. This is done to prevent a large outbreak.

From this January through April, 42 states have reported mumps infections in 2,570 people, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in Atlanta. Last year, there were a number of mumps outbreaks on college campuses, including several in New York State.

Two doses of MMR vaccine are recommended for children; the first at ages 12-to-15 months and the second at ages four to six years old. With both doses, the vaccine is 88 percent effective against mumps and reduces the severity of symptoms in those who do get the disease. However, some people who are fully vaccinated have developed mumps following an exposure.

Mumps spreads through saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread by sharing cups or eating utensils and by touching objects or surfaces with unwashed hands that are then touched by others.

Symptoms usually disappear in a few weeks. There is no treatment for mumps, but ibuprofen or acetaminophen can relieve pain.

To prevent mumps and other airborne diseases:

- Do not share food, drinks, utensils or other personal items that may contain saliva.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand rub if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue if you sneeze or cough, and discard the tissue after you use it. If a tissue is not available, sneeze or cough into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that may be contaminated with germs.

For more information about immunizations, contact the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000, like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wchealthdept](http://www.facebook.com/wchealthdept), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/wchealthdept](http://www.twitter.com/wchealthdept) or visit [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).

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