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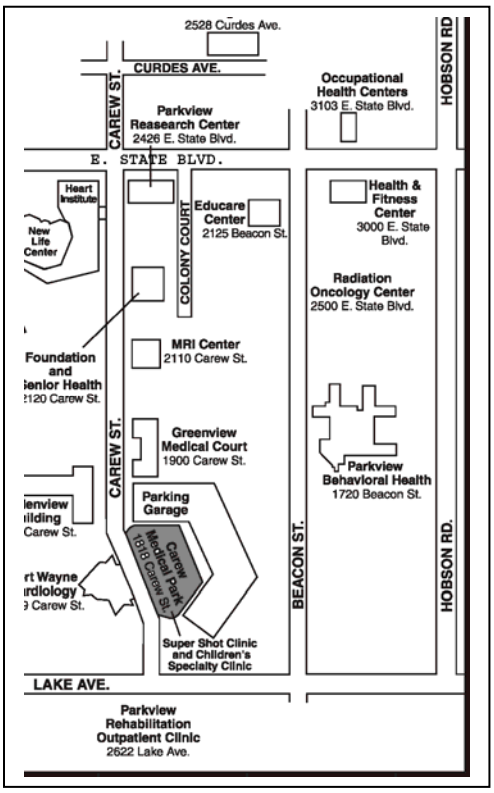
Dear Parent,

Beginning in the fall, Indiana law requires that all students in 6th through 12th grade be vaccinated against the following diseases: **Neisseria Meningitis (Meningococcal disease), Varicella (Chickenpox) and Pertussis (Whooping cough).**

Students in these grades must be vaccinated against all three by the first day of the 2010-11 school year or they may be excluded from school. To assist you in meeting this requirement, the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health is partnering with our local school systems and Super Shot to provide a month-long opportunity for families to get all three of the required vaccines **free of charge (normal cost, $242.00)**. During the month of March, we will be open at the following location:

Vaccines for Teens Clinic
Carew Medical Park, 1818 Carew St.
Monday through Thursday (March 1-March 25)
3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



You can access Carew Medical Park either from Lake Avenue or East State Boulevard. Parking is available in an attached garage. The vaccine clinic will be in Suite 300. Please be sure to bring your child's shot record and/or any proof of chickenpox infection or past immunization. Students under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (with notarized documentation).

We hope that you take advantage of this opportunity. If you should decide to wait until August or September of this year to vaccinate your child, please expect long waits and that your child could be excluded from school.

Thank you for your assistance in this important child health and wellness issue.

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Allen County Health Commissioner