

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

Education For The Individual

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Verification Form (For Students Electing to Reside in On-Campus Housing)

Student Name: _____
Please Print Full Name

Student Home Address: _____

Student Tel. # _____ Student Email: _____

Please read and place an X next to all sections that apply:

- I **have** received the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine and acquired an official vaccination/shot record to support it.
- I **have not** received the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine, but understand it is required for dorm/housing on campus.
- I understand that I **will not** be permitted to move into housing without the Bacterial Meningitis vaccine and must **plan and/or secure** my own alternate housing until I have met the requirement and provided substantiated proof.
- I understand that the vaccination **must** have been administered **10 days** prior to moving into dormitory/housing.
- I understand that proof of vaccination must be in the form of an **original vaccination/shot record** and include Signatures of administering health professionals, as well as the medical facility stamp and notarization seal.

*****All supporting documentation that confirms/verifies the required vaccine must contain physician signatures, stamps, medical facility seal and contact/verification information.**

Student Signature: _____ Student Phone: _____

Vaccine Verification and Medical Facility information *(Completed by Physician/Health Professional)*

Name of Verifying and/or Administering Medical Facility: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of administering/verifying physician or health professional: _____

Please Print

Type of Vaccination: **MCV4** **MPSV4** **Other:** _____

Date meningitis vaccination was administered: _____
Month Day Year

Important Note: Vaccine must be proven effective against Bacterial Meningitis and must be approved by Center for Disease Control (CDC). Please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/vaccine-info.html>

I hereby verify/confirm that the above named student received the mandated Bacterial Meningitis vaccine as required, and that the information provided on this form is true and accurate.

Signature of physician/health care provider: _____ Date: _____

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About Meningitis

Meningitis is a disease caused by the inflammation of the protective membranes covering the brain and spinal cord known as the meningitis. The inflammation is usually caused by an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Meningitis is also referred to as spinal meningitis.

Meningitis may develop in response to a number of causes, usually bacteria or viruses, but meningitis can also be caused by physical injury, cancer or certain drugs.

The severity of illness and the treatment for meningitis differ depending on the cause. Thus, it is important to know the specific cause of meningitis. For example, bacterial meningitis is usually more severe than viral, fungal, or parasitic meningitis. Although it can be very serious, bacterial meningitis can be treated with antibiotics that can prevent severe illness and reduce the spread of infection from person to person.

People Most at Risk

Bacterial meningitis caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria (meningococcal disease) can be fatal and should always be viewed as a medical emergency. About 10% of infected people die from the disease. In non-fatal cases, those affected experience long-term disabilities, such as brain damage, loss of limb, or deafness. Preventing the disease through the use of meningococcal vaccine is important.

Although anyone can get meningitis, pre-teens and adolescents, college freshmen who live in dormitories and travelers to countries where meningitis is always present are at an increased risk for meningococcal disease. Before the availability of effective vaccines, bacterial meningitis was most commonly diagnosed in young children. Now, as a result of the protection offered by current childhood vaccines, bacterial meningitis is more commonly diagnosed among pre-teens and young adults.

College Students and Meningitis

College freshmen, especially those who live in dormitories, are at a slightly increased risk for bacterial meningitis caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria (meningococcal disease) compared with other persons of the same age. As of 2009, a total of 34 states have adopted legislation requiring colleges to provide information on risks of meningococcal disease to incoming students and/or students residing on campus, and 15 states have mandated vaccination for certain students, unless a vaccination waiver is provided.

There are currently two vaccines licensed in the United States to protect against meningococcal meningitis. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has issued the following recommendations regarding the use of vaccines for college students.

- Providers of medical care to incoming and current college freshmen who plan to or already live in dormitories and residence halls should inform these students and their parents about meningococcal disease and the benefits of vaccination. ACIP does not recommend that the level of increased risk among freshmen warrants any specific changes in living situations for freshmen.
- College freshmen who want to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease should either be administered vaccine (by a doctor's office or student health service) or directed to a site where vaccine is available.
- The risk for meningococcal disease among non-freshmen college students is similar to that for the general population. However, the vaccine is safe and effective and therefore can be provided to non-freshmen students who want to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease.
- Colleges should inform incoming and/or current freshmen who plan to live or already live in dormitories or residence halls about meningococcal disease and the availability of a safe and effective vaccine.