



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873
Office of Residence Life

Student Immunization Waiver for Meningococcal Vaccination

Student Information – Please Print Clearly

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Southeast ID: S _____
Southeast E-mail: _____ Cell/Home Phone(_____) _____

Home/Forwarding Address

Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Important Information – Missouri State Law

Missouri State Law 754 section 174.335 require all students who reside in on-campus housing at a public institution of higher education to have received the meningococcal vaccine unless a signed statement of medical or religious exemption is on file with the institution's administration. A medical exemption requires a signed certification by a physician licensed to practice in Missouri indicating that the immunization would seriously endanger the student's health or life or the student has documentation of the disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease (see *form on reverse*). A religious exemption requires a statement in writing to the institution's administration that the immunization violates his/her religious beliefs (see *form on reverse*).

Important Information – Facts about Meningococcal Disease

What Is Meningococcal Disease?

Meningococcal disease refers to any illness that is caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*, also known as meningococcus bacteria. The two most severe and common illnesses caused by meningococcus bacteria include meningitis (an infection of the fluid and lining around the brain and spinal cord) and septicemia (a bloodstream infection).
www.cdc.gov

How Is Meningococcal Disease Spread?

The bacteria that cause meningococcal disease are spread from person to person by sharing respiratory secretions (such as saliva, by kissing or coughing) during close or lengthy contact, especially among people who share a room or live in the same household. Although anyone can get meningococcal disease, teens and college students living in residence halls, are at an increased risk for meningococcal disease compared with other persons of the same age.
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Where can I get more information on the types of meningococcal vaccines, risk factors, and potential reactions to the vaccine?

1. Contact your healthcare provider.
2. Contact the Campus Health Clinic – 573–651–2270.
3. Contact your local or state health department.
4. Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – 1–800–232–4636 or visit <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

Does the Campus Health Clinic offer the meningococcal vaccination?

Yes. Walk-ins are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Call 573–651–2270 to make an appointment or stop by the clinic. Bring your student ID and insurance card to any appointments.

Medical Exemption

As the physician of:

Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

Student's Middle Initial

Student's Date of Birth - _____

The student has not received the meningococcal vaccine based on the conclusion the immunization would seriously endanger the student's health or life or the student has documentation of the disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease.

Comments:

Printed Name of Physician

Signature of Physician

Signature Date

Physician's Address:

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Religious Exemption

After consulting my healthcare provider, Campus Health Clinic, or local or state health department, I understand the risks of not being vaccinated for meningococcal disease.

A. To be completed by student 18 years of age or older:

I do not choose to get the meningococcal vaccine at this time, due to my religious beliefs.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

B. For students under the age of 18:

As the parent or legal guardian, I do not want _____ to get the meningococcal vaccine at this time, due to our religious beliefs.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____