



**Meningitis Vaccination and Disease Information Form**  
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The mission of Student Health Services (SHS) is to assist students in maintaining their optimum level of health and wellness. We are here to help you have a healthy college life. Immunizations are an important aspect of maintaining good health. If you haven't already done so, we recommend updating all of your adult vaccinations.

The Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has established guidelines for the meningitis vaccine aimed at college students living in residence halls. The American College Health Association (ACHA) supports these guidelines. In response to these efforts, the Kansas Board of Regents has mandated that "all incoming students residing in university housing be vaccinated for meningitis or sign a waiver indicating that they refuse to take the vaccine" effective with the 2006-2007 academic year.

In an attempt to reduce the risk of this serious disease among the college population and in compliance with Regents policy, **Wichita State University requires that each resident of a University residence hall complete and submit a *Meningitis Vaccination and Disease Information Form* within fifteen (15) days of occupancy of a University residence hall.** Immunizations help decrease the risk of contracting serious diseases. We are aware reactions can occur with vaccinations. Most reactions are minimal and the vaccine is much safer than getting the disease.

Meningitis is a potentially life threatening bacterial infection. It can cause hearing loss, kidney failure, amputation of limbs and permanent brain injury. The disease can progress rapidly, causing serious problems in as little as 12 hours. Each year the disease strikes about 3,000 people in the United States. Death occurs in approximately 10% of cases. With the vaccine, the majority of cases in the college age population are preventable. If you have not received the vaccine yet, SHS does have the vaccine. The cost may be less expensive than your own provider. See our SHS website at [www.wichita.edu/shs](http://www.wichita.edu/shs) for a link to websites with further information on meningitis and meningitis vaccinations.

Please complete and return this form along with the appropriate documentation to Housing and Residence Life. The ***Meningitis Vaccination and Disease Information Form*** should be submitted with your Housing and Residence Life application/contract. Residents who do not have a signed form on file with Student Health Services within 15 days of occupancy in a University residence hall will be referred to the Dean of Students and may have a hold placed on their student records. For questions call Student Health Services at 316-978-3620 or Housing and Residence Life at 316-978-3693.



**MENINGITIS VACCINATION STATUS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have already received the meningitis vaccination. (Please **COPY AND ATTACH** your meningitis vaccination information including the date it was given. It must be in English.)

**OR**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the above information and **do not** wish to receive the meningitis vaccination.

Print student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's my WSU ID number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** (student 18 years and older, parent, guardian, or emancipated student)