



Very important information about Meningitis and college students
You will need to submit a doctor's documentation that you received the vaccination OR sign a waiver



Meningitis is a type of invasive meningococcal disease. It's a bacterial infection that can attack the brain and spinal cord. College students, perhaps because of their lifestyle of lack of sleep, poor nutrition, unkempt rooms, sharing glasses and cups, etc. are particularly susceptible.

It is very important that you talk to your doctor immediately to discuss vaccination/immunization. The Meningitis vaccination/immunization or a signed waiver is now required by law for all students living on campus/in dorms in the state of Pennsylvania.

If you prefer not to be vaccinated for reason of conscience, or, if your doctor feels there is a medical risk or contradiction to the vaccination you will need to sign a waiver and submit it to the college.

The college does urge you to be vaccinated. Vaccination is simple, and frankly could save your life. You can do an internet search with the phrase "college student dies of meningitis" to gain a perspective as to the danger.

Therefore, you have the choice of being vaccinated and submit your doctor's documentation about the vaccination or complete the attached waiver and submit it to the college.

Please forward the documentation of your choice, either a doctor's note documenting that you received the vaccination or the college's Meningitis Vaccination Waiver to:

Office of Admissions
Walnut Hill College
4207 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Which vaccination should you ask for? Most requirements were implemented before serogroup B meningococcal vaccines were available in the U.S. and may only apply to the vaccine that protects against serogroups A, C, W and Y. No matter where you live parents and teens should ask about vaccination against all serogroups (A, C, W, Y and B) of meningococcal disease.

Read more about Meningitis, learn how to live healthy, how to prevent the disease and identify warning signs. Be aware; very often Meningitis symptoms appears like a flu.

- National Meningitis Association – very valuable information
<http://www.nmaus.org/about-nma/>
- Meeting Meningitis is one of many web sites with valuable information about Meningitis, vaccinations and control.
http://www.meetmeningitis.com/facts-about-meningitis?source=google&HBX_PK=s_meningitis&o=112647314|285755457|0&skwid=43700006011438425
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is the federal government's main initiative on controlling disease.
<https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/index.html>