



Esry Student Health Center

Student Immunization Waiver for Meningococcal Vaccination

Student Information – Please Print Clearly

Missouri law requires students living in campus housing facilities receive the Meningococcal Vaccination unless a religious exemption is signed or a medical exemption by a physician is provided. To qualify for this exemption, you are required to review the information on the reverse side and sign the waiver.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ G#: G _____

MWSU E-mail: _____ Cell/Home Phone () _____ - _____

Student Date of Birth: _____

Street Address, City/State/Zip Code: _____

Religious Exemption

After reading the provided information, I understand the risks of being exempted from the meningococcal vaccine.

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

I choose to exercise my right to an exemption from the meningococcal vaccine at this time, due to my religious beliefs.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

For students **under the age of 18**:

As the parent or legal guardian, I choose to exercise our right to an exemption from the meningococcal vaccine at this time, due to our religious beliefs.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Medical Exemption

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.

Printed Name of Physician: _____

Signature of Physician: _____

Date: _____

Physician's Contact Information:

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Comments:

**A letter from the physician of the student with the information requested is an acceptable substitute for the medical exemption portion of this form*

Return completed form to:

Esry Student Health Center, 4525 Downs Drive, Blum Union 203, Saint Joseph, MO 64507
Telephone: (816) 271-4495 Fax: (816) 271-4498 Email: health@missouriwestern.edu



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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). **Bacterial meningitis is very serious and can be deadly. Death can occur in as little as a few hours. While most people with meningitis recover, permanent disabilities such as brain damage, hearing loss, and learning disabilities can result from the 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 Esry Student Health Center – (816) 271-4495.
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 Esry Student Health Center offer the meningococcal vaccination?

Yes, the Esry Student Health Center does offer the meningitis vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call (816) 271-4495 or stop by the Health Center located in the Blum Student Union, Room 203. Walk-ins are welcome, however appointments are preferred.