



STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
Academic Year 2013-14

Date Due: August 15, 2013
Return to: Student Health Services
 Florida Memorial University
 15800 NW 42nd Avenue
 Miami Gardens FL 33054

IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION

- All incoming students born after December 31, 1956 are required to present a copy of their immunization records to the University before registration can be completed.
- If the doctor completing your physical examination does not have your immunization records, please submit a copy of your original records.
- All transcribed immunization documents **MUST** be signed and by a medical provider and officially stamped or notarized.
- A hold status will be assigned to your registration status if your immunization forms are not submitted.

| Required | Date | | Comments |
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| MMR1 | | | |
| MMR2 | | | |
| HEPATITIS B # 1 | | | |
| HEPATITIS B # 2 | | | |
| HEPATITIS B # 3 | | | |
| TD | | To be less than 10 years old | |
| PPD | | Less than 3 months prior to registration | |
| CXR result | | If PPD was Positive | |
| Meningitis | | Optional. If you choose not to accept the vaccine, please sign and return the declination form along with your medical documents. | |
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DECLINATION FORM: This is to certify that *I have read and understand the information written above and have decided that I will not receive the meningitis vaccine at this time.*

Please sign and date: _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature and notarization if you are a minor

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MENINGITIS INFORMATION / DECLINATION FORM **PLEASE READ & Sign**

Meningitis is an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain and is usually caused by a viral or bacterial infection. Knowing whether meningitis is caused by a **virus** or **bacterium** is important because the severity of illness and the treatment differ. **Viral meningitis** is generally less severe and resolves without specific treatment.

Bacterial meningitis can be quite severe and may result in brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability or death. For bacterial meningitis, it is also important to know which type of bacteria is causing the meningitis because **antibiotics can prevent some types** from spreading and infecting other people.

What are the signs and symptoms of meningitis? High fever, headache, and stiff neck are common symptoms. These symptoms can develop over several hours, or they may take 1 to 2 days. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion, and sleepiness. As the disease progresses, patients of any age may have seizures.

How is meningitis diagnosed? The diagnosis is usually made by growing bacteria from a sample of spinal fluid. Identification of the type of bacteria responsible is important for selection of correct antibiotics.

Can meningitis be treated? Bacterial meningitis can be treated with a number of effective antibiotics. It is important, however, that treatment be started early in the course of the disease.

Is meningitis contagious? Yes, some forms of bacterial meningitis are contagious. The bacteria are spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (i.e., coughing, kissing). Sometimes the bacteria that cause meningitis spread to other people who have had close or prolonged contact with a patient with meningitis caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*. People in the same household or day-care center, or anyone with direct contact with a patient's oral secretions (such as a boyfriend or girlfriend) would be considered at increased risk of acquiring the infection.

Are there vaccines against meningitis? Yes, There are two vaccines against *N. meningitidis* available in the U.S. (1) Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4 or Menomune[®]) (2) Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4 or MenactraT) Meningitis cases should be reported to state or local health departments to assure follow-up of close contacts and recognize outbreaks.

All Residential students are **required/recommended** to receive this vaccine prior to the first semester registration. If you decide not to be vaccinated, please sign this document and return it with your health package.