
SKIDMORE COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES

TO: SKIDMORE COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS
FROM: HEALTH SERVICES
SUBJECT: HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORM
DATE: SPRING 2012

WELCOME TO SKIDMORE!

We at Health Services are delighted that you will be here this summer. This memo is to clarify available services, and to stress the importance and timeliness of completing the enclosed Health Assessment Form.

Health Services is available from 9:00am-11:30am and 12:00pm-3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, with the exception of May 21-June 4, and July 4. We will have a nurse and/or a nurse practitioner available to discuss your urgent health concerns, and evaluate your situation. Health Services can provide first aid, check vital signs, and treat minor injury/illness. If we are unable to meet your needs, you will be referred to a nearby community resource to assist in your care, including Wilton Medical Arts Urgent Care Center or Saratoga Hospital located within 5 minutes from campus. Please note Health Services does not administer allergy injections.

It is requested that the enclosed four page Health Assessment Form be completely and accurately filled out (by a non-parental health care provider) and submitted to your Program Director **prior to** arriving on campus. Immunization information is requested for the public health and safety of the campus and the participants. Without documentation of immunity, participants may be asked to leave campus in the event of an outbreak. New York State law requires meningococcal meningitis vaccination, or documentation of refusal of the vaccine, for all campers. Please review the enclosed information carefully, answer all questions on the forms, and obtain all required vaccinations. There is a 'Summer Programs Nurse' to assist you with the form, and answer any questions you may have. A message can be left for Michelle Lapo, RN, at (518) 580-5550, or by e-mail at mlapo@Skidmore.edu.

If your son, daughter, or ward is under the age of 18 while at Skidmore College, it is our policy to secure your consent for medical treatment. By signing the attached consent on the Health Assessment, you will be giving your consent to medical evaluation and treatment necessary to ensure the continued health of the participant. In the event of a major health problem, whenever possible, specific permission will be obtained from you. Therefore, parents of participants under 18 should be sure to include all possible telephone numbers (including cell phones) on the Health Assessment Form, and complete the authorization on the bottom of page one.

International participants attending Skidmore Summer Programs: please review the immunization and tuberculin screening requirements very carefully with your health care provider. The requirements may differ from the country in which you reside. The requirements are very specific and **no exceptions** can be made.

Again, we are pleased that you will be here this summer, and wish you a safe, happy, and healthy learning experience.

**SKIDMORE COLLEGE
SUMMER PROGRAM HEALTH FORM
815 North Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1632**

SUMMER PROGRAM'S NURSE USE ONLY

Program: _____

- [] Emergency Contact Complete
[] Signed by Health Care Provider
[] Immunization Record Complete

Required for all participants under 18 years of age, or on campus for 30 days or more.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT - SUMMER PROGRAMS

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION - IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!

1. This 4 page form must be returned to your summer program director prior to arrival at the college. **Immunizations are requested for the public health and safety of the campus and the participants. Without documentation of immunity, participants may be asked to leave campus in the event of an outbreak.**
2. Page 1 should be filled out **prior** to going to your health care provider.
3. Page 2, 3, and 4 should be completed by your non-parental health care provider.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name of Summer Program: _____ Cell Phone #: -- --

Name _____ Home Phone #: -- --

Last First MI

Home Address _____

#/Street City State Zip Code Country

Gender: male female Date of birth:

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____ Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Email Address: _____

PRIMARY PERSON TO CONTACT FOR CONSENT: FOR TREATMENT OR IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name: _____ **Check one:** Parent Legal Guardian Spouse Other _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Insurance Co. _____ Insured's Name _____

Address: _____ Telephone _____

Policy # _____ Group# _____

CONSENT FOR EVALUATION/EXAMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE :

I, _____, being the parent or legal guardian of _____ give my consent to Skidmore College Health Services, the nurse practitioners and other personnel on its medical staff, to administer such care, procedures, and treatment that is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the patient. As long as the medical treatment considered necessary in the situation is in accordance with generally accepted standard of medical practice for the particular type of injury or illness involved, I impose no specific limitations or prohibitions regarding treatment other than those that follow (if none, so state): _____

Prior to prescribing treatment or referring your child/ward to an outside medical provider, Health Services will make every attempt to contact a parent or guardian.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN / RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT DATE

MENINGITIS VACCINATION RESPONSE (REQUIRED BY NEW YORK STATE LAW) – check appropriate box

- I have had, or my son/daughter has had, the bacterial meningitis vaccine.
 I have read, or have had explained to me, the information regarding bacterial meningitis disease. I understand the risk of not vaccinating myself/son/daughter and have decided to decline vaccination at this time.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN /RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT DATE

Health Services
815 North Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Phone: (518) 580-5550 Fax: (518) 580-5556

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____ **DOB:** _____

PROGRAM: _____

SECTION I - TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SCREENING

To Be Completed By Summer Participant and Their Health Care Provider Within 6 Months Prior to The Participant's Arrival on Campus (Health Care Provider's Signature REQUIRED on the Reverse/ Side 2 of this Form)

- -TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING AND RISK ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE- -

- 1) **Has the patient ever had a positive TB test?** Yes No Unknown
- 2) **Has the patient had recent close contact with someone with infectious TB disease?** Yes No Unknown
- 3) **Was the patient born in or have they traveled to/in a high-prevalence TB area within the past 5 years?**
(See list of high-prevalence countries below. *The significance of the possible travel exposure should be evaluated.*) Yes, patient at **high risk** Yes, but patient at **low risk** No

Countries with High Prevalence of Tuberculosis

Afghanistan	Congo DR	Kenya	New Caledonia	Sri Lanka
Algeria	Cote d'Ivoire	Kiribati	Nicaragua	Sudan
Angola	Croatia	Korea-DPR	Niger	Suriname
Anguilla	Djibouti	Korea-Republic	Nigeria	Syrian Arab Republic
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Kuwait	Niue	Swaziland
Armenia	Ecuador	Kyrgyzstan	N. Mariana Islands	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Lao PDR	Pakistan	Tanzania-UR
Bahamas	El Salvador	Latvia	Palau	Thailand
Bahrain	Equatorial Guinea	Lesotho	Panama	Timor-Leste
Bangladesh	Eritrea	Liberia	Papua New Guinea	Togo
Belarus	Estonia	Lithuania	Paraguay	Tokelau
Belize	Ethiopia	Macedonia-TFYR	Peru	Tonga
Benin	Fiji	Madagascar	Philippines	Tunisia
Bhutan	French Polynesia	Malawi	Poland	Turkey
Bolivia	Gabon	Malaysia	Portugal	Turkmenistan
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Gambia	Maldives	Qatar	Tuvalu
Botswana	Georgia	Mali	Romania	Uganda
Brazil	Ghana	Marshall Islands	Russian Federation	Ukraine
Brunei Darussalam	Guam	Mauritania	Rwanda	Uruguay
Bulgaria	Guatemala	Mauritius	St. Vincent & The Grenadines	Uzbekistan
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Mexico	Sao Tome & Principe	Vanuatu
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Micronesia	Saudi Arabia	Venezuela
Cambodia	Guyana	Moldova-Rep.	Senegal	Viet Nam
Cameroon	Haiti	Mongolia	Seychelles	Wallis & Futuna Islands
Cape Verde	Honduras	Montenegro	Sierra Leone	W. Bank & Gaza Strip
Central African Republic	India	Morocco	Singapore	Yemen
Chad	Indonesia	Mozambique	Singapore	Zambia
China	Iran	Myanmar	Solomon Islands	Zimbabwe
Colombia	Iraq	Namibia	Somalia	
Comoros	Japan	Nauru	South Africa	
Congo	Kazakhstan	Nepal	Spain	

- 4) **Does the patient have any of the following:**
- Fibrotic changes on a prior chest x-ray suggesting inactive or past TB disease? Yes No Unknown
 - HIV/AIDS? Yes No Unknown
 - Organ transplant recipient? Yes No Unknown
 - Immunosuppressed? Yes No Unknown
 - History of illicit drug use? Yes No Unknown
 - Resident, employee or volunteer in a high-risk setting (e.g., correctional facility, nursing home, homeless shelter, hospital or other health care facility)? Yes No
 - Medical condition associated with increased risk of progressing to TB disease if infected (e.g., diabetes mellitus, silicosis, head/neck/lung cancer, hematologic or reticuloendothelial disease such as Hodgkin's or leukemia, end stage renal disease, intestinal bypass or gastrectomy, chronic malabsorption syndrome, low body weight)? Yes No
- 5) **Does the patient have signs or symptoms of active TB disease?** Yes No

****If the answer is YES to any of the above questions, patient is considered to be in a high risk group****

****If the answer to all above questions is NO, patient is considered to be at low risk ****

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Spring 2012

Dear Skidmore College Summer Program Participant and Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about meningococcal disease, a potentially fatal bacterial infection commonly referred to as meningitis. This notification is a requirement of New York State law.

Meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, bacterial meningitis can lead to inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal column as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputations and even death. Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives.

Two vaccines are available (Menactra, Menveo) that protect against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States – types A, C, Y and W-135. These types account for nearly two thirds of meningitis cases.

In August 2003, New York State Public Health Law 2167 was initiated. This law requires a record of meningitis vaccination or a signed refusal of the vaccine for all summer program participants. In other words, we need you to return the enclosed forms to Health Services acknowledging or declining meningitis vaccination, or the law compels us to send the summer program participant home.

Your primary care provider should be able to offer the meningococcal vaccine for those summer program participants who wish to reduce their risk for disease. Alternatively, your local public health department should be able to assist you in procuring the immunization.

We encourage you and/or your son or daughter to learn more about meningitis and the vaccine. Please refer to the enclosed informational materials concerning meningococcal meningitis and vaccination, and be sure to complete the forms. For your convenience, we have a ‘Summer Programs Nurse’ to assist you with the forms, and answer any questions you may have. A message may be left for Michelle Lapo, RN, at (518) 580-5550 or by email at mlapo@skidmore.edu, and/or consult with your family health care provider. You can also find information about the disease by visiting the website of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo.

Health Services Staff

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About Meningococcal Meningitis

What is meningococcal meningitis?

Meningococcal meningitis is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection. The disease is expressed as either **meningococcal meningitis**, an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, or **meningococemia**, the presence of bacteria in the blood.

What causes meningococcal meningitis?

Meningococcal meningitis is caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*, a leading cause of meningitis and septicemia (or blood poisoning) in teenagers and young adults in the United States. Meningitis and septicemia are the most common manifestations of the disease, although they have been expressed as septic arthritis, pneumonia, brain inflammation and other syndromes.

How many people contract meningococcal meningitis each year? How many people die as a result?

Meningococcal meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and is responsible for approximately 300 deaths annually. For some college students, such as freshman living in dormitories, there is an increased risk of meningococcal disease. Currently, no data are available regarding whether children at overnight campus or residential schools are at the same increased risk for the disease. However, these children can be in settings similar to college freshman living in dormitories.

How is meningococcal meningitis spread?

Many people in a population can be a carrier of meningococcal bacteria (up to 11 percent) and usually nothing happens to a person other than acquiring natural antibodies. Meningococcal bacteria are transmitted through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions and by direct contact with an infected person. Direct contact, for these purposes, is defined as oral contact with shared items, such as cigarettes or drinking glasses, or through intimate contact such as kissing.

What are the symptoms?

The early symptoms usually associated with meningococcal meningitis include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting and lethargy, and may resemble the flu. Because the disease progresses rapidly, often in as little as 12 hours, prompt diagnosis and treatment are important to assuring recovery. Symptoms may appear 2 to 10 days after exposure, but usually within 5 days.

Who is at risk?

There is an increased risk of disease for young adults from age 16-21. College student residing on campus in residence halls appear to be at higher risk for meningococcal meningitis than college students overall. Further research released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows freshmen living in dormitories have a six-fold increased risk for meningococcal meningitis than college students overall.

Although anyone can be a carrier of the bacteria that causes meningococcal meningitis, data indicate certain social behaviors, such as exposure to passive and active smoking, bar patronage and excessive alcohol consumption may put college students at increased risk for the disease. Patients with respiratory infections, compromised immunity, those in close contact to a known case and travelers to endemic areas of the world are also at increased risk. Cases and outbreaks usually occur in the late winter and early spring when school is in session.

Why should students consider vaccination with the meningococcal vaccine?

Data from the CDC demonstrate that sub-populations of students are at increased risk for meningococcal meningitis. Pre-exposure vaccination enhances immunity to four strains of meningococcus that cause 65 to 75 percent of invasive disease and therefore reduces a student's risk for disease. Development of immunity after vaccination requires 7 to 10 days.

How effective is the vaccine?

The meningococcal vaccine has been shown to provide protection against the most common strains of the disease, including serogroups A, C, Y and W-135. The vaccine is 85 to 100 percent effective in serogroups A and C in older children and adults.

Is the vaccine safe? Are there adverse effects to the vaccine?

The vaccine is very safe and adverse reactions are mild and infrequent, consisting primarily of redness and pain at the site of injection lasting up to two days.

Where can I get the meningococcal vaccine?

Your local health care provider or county health department should be able to offer you the vaccine. Currently there are two meningococcal vaccines available, known as Menactra and Menveo.

What is the duration of protection?

Protection provided by meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) wanes within 5 years following vaccination. At this time, CDC recommends "initial meningococcal vaccine at age 11-12, followed by a booster at age 16 to provide continued protection during peak years of vulnerability." As with any vaccine, vaccination against meningitis may not protect 100 percent of all susceptible individuals.

Who can students and parents contact for additional information on meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine?

For additional information on meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine, parents and students can leave a message for Michelle Lapo, RN, the Skidmore College 'Summer Programs Nurse' at (518) 580-5550, or email her at mlapo@skidmore.edu. Information about the disease and vaccine can also be found by visiting the website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov/meningitis.