

Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine

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Meningitis vaccination is recommended by the American College Health Association. Georgia Law requires that postsecondary schools provide students with information about meningococcal disease and vaccination. Students are required to complete a document (with signatures) acknowledging that they have received this information.

- Meningococcal disease is a serious disease that can lead to death within only a few hours of onset; one in ten cases is fatal; and one in seven survivors of the disease is left with a severe disability, such as the loss of a limb, mental retardation, paralysis, deafness, or seizures.
- Meningococcal disease is contagious but largely preventable infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain.
- Scientific evidence suggests that college students living in residence halls are at a moderately increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease.
- Immunization against meningococcal disease will decrease the risk of the disease.
- The meningococcal meningitis vaccine is 85 to 100 percent effective against four of the five most common strains of the bacteria that cause meningococcal meningitis. Studies show that up to 80 percent of cases on college campuses are vaccine preventable.

I, (print name) _____, acknowledge that I received information regarding meningococcal meningitis.

AND

I have received a meningitis vaccination within the past 2 years: Yes _____ No _____

*Student's Signature

Signature of Witness

Date

Date

Parent's Signature * _____ Date _____

(*students 17 yrs of age or younger must have a parent or guardian to sign)

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Please learn more about meningococcal meningitis by visiting www.nmaus.org or calling The Macon-Bibb County Health Department at 478-745-0411.