



Meningococcal Meningitis

Waiver of Immunization

College students, especially freshmen living in residence halls, are at a slightly increased risk for contracting meningococcal disease. The bacterial form of this disease can lead to serious complications such as swelling of the brain, coma, and even death within a short period of time. A vaccine is currently available that will decrease, but not completely eliminate a person's risk of acquiring meningococcal meningitis. This element of uncertainty remains because the current vaccine does not protect against one strain of the disease. The vaccine probably protects for 3-5 years and is extremely safe to use.

I have read the information provided about meningococcal disease, vaccine, and have made an informed decision to decline receipt of the vaccine.

Signature of student or parent/guardian (if student is under 18)

Date

Fax to the University Clinic at 615-248-7797