

Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Requirement

Required for applicable Texas college enrollment. Students should complete this requirement before registering for classes.

Start Here

Students under age 22 must provide proof of a bacterial meningitis vaccine dose or booster received within the previous five-year period, or provide an approved exemption, before enrolling at a Texas college or university. Plan early: there is a 10-day waiting period between receiving the vaccine and attending classes.

Who Must Submit Proof

- Students who are under 22 years old on the first day of the term of enrollment.
- Students must submit a valid vaccination record, booster record, or approved exemption before registering for classes.

Timing Matters

- The vaccine must be received at least 10 days before attending classes.
- If fewer than 10 days remain before the first day of class, contact the Registrar's Office or Health Services for guidance.
- Registration may not be permitted if the vaccination timing does not meet the published academic calendar requirements.

Acceptable Evidence

- A record with the signature or stamp of a physician, designee, or public health personnel showing the month, day, and year the dose or booster was administered.
- An official immunization record generated by a state or local health authority.
- An official immunization record received from school officials, including a record from another state.

Submit Records To

McMurry University Health Services
Attn: Brenda Johnson
1 McMurry University #716
Abilene, TX 79697

Questions

Phone: 325-793-4857
Fax: 325-793-4879
Email: johnson.brenda@mcm.edu

Exemptions

A student may be exempt from the bacterial meningitis immunization requirement if one of the following applies.

Available Exemptions

- The student is 22 years of age or older on or before the first day of the term of enrollment.
- The student presents a physician's certificate indicating the vaccination would injure the student's health.
- The student signs an affidavit declining the vaccination for reasons of conscience, including religious belief. This provision may not apply during certain declared emergencies.

Requesting an Exemption Affidavit

Requests for exemption affidavits for reasons of conscience must be submitted through the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Department of State Health Services
Immunization Branch (MC 1946)
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, TX 78714-9347
Fax: 512-776-7544

Secure online request form: <https://co-request.dshs.texas.gov/>

Where to Get Vaccinated

- Your personal physician's office.
- A local health department.
- Many pharmacies.

Before You Submit

- Confirm the record includes your name and date of birth.
- Confirm the record shows the exact month, day, and year of vaccination or booster.
- Submit the record or exemption before registration deadlines.

Need Help?

For questions about immunization records, meningitis documentation, administrative forms, or student insurance documentation, contact Brenda Johnson at johnson.brenda@mcm.edu or 325-793-4857.

Allow up to 15 business days for processing documentation requests when applicable.