

Meningitis Vaccine

A Note From the Clinic

Senior Parents:

Your student will need to have a meningitis vaccine for college entrance in the Fall of 2014. Please check with your medical provider and make sure that your son or daughter has had at least 1 meningitis vaccine within the last 5 years. If they have not had a meningitis vaccine or if they had one more than 5 years ago, you should get this vaccine ASAP. Please provide vaccine documentation to the school clinic so that our records will be up to date.

What is bacterial meningitis?

Bacterial meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The illness can progress rapidly and cause death or permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, or loss of limbs. Studies suggest that college students have a higher risk of contracting the illness because they live and work in close proximity. More information is available online at www.cdc.gov/meningitis.

Who needs the meningitis vaccine?

Students are required to show proof they have received the meningitis vaccine if they are less than 30 years old and are first time Texas college/university students.

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