DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE WAIVER FORM

MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED IF STUDENT DOES NOT RECEIVE VACCINE

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE (Meningitis)

Meningococcal disease, all on-campus students provided information on--election to receive vaccination--records to be maintained.

- 174.335. 1. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year and for each school year thereafter, every public institution of higher education in this state shall require all students who reside in on-campus housing to sign a written waiver stating that the institution of higher education has provided the student, or if the student is a minor, the student's parents or guardian, with detailed written information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of the meningococcal vaccine.
- 2. Any student who elects to receive the meningococcal vaccine shall not be required to sign a waiver referenced in subsection 1 of this section and shall present a record of said vaccination to the institution of higher education.
- 3. Each public university or college in this state shall maintain records on the meningococcal vaccination status of every student residing in on-campus housing at the university or college, including any written waivers executed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section.

Meningococcal disease is a potentially fatal bacterial infection commonly referred to as meningitis. Meningococcal disease is rare, however its initial flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, the disease can lead to brain damage, vital organ failure, permanent disability and even death. Cases of meningococcal disease among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age have more than doubled since 1991. Recent studies indicate that college students living in dormitories and particularly freshmen dormitory residents are at increased risk of infection. An estimated 100 to 125 cases of meningococcal disease occur on college campuses each year. Of those students infected as many as 15 may die.

The meningococcal vaccine protects against four of the five strains of the bacteria which causes meningococcal disease (strains A, C, Y, and W-135). It is estimated that vaccination would prevent approximately two-thirds of all cases of meningococcal disease in college students and up to 88% of deaths. The vaccine is considered safe and is well tolerated with the most common side effect being soreness at the injection site. It provides protection against meningococcal disease for three to five years. The Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) vaccine given to infants and young children is often referred to as a "meningitis vaccine". The Hib vaccine does not protect against meningococcal disease and does not meet the vaccination requirement.

Additional information can be obtained on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at http://www.cdc.gov/health/diseases.htm (select meningococcal disease) or the American College Health Association website at http://www.acha.org .

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HSSU	ID	Date o	f Birth			
If other than the student, name and relationship of person completing form:						
Name						
(Pleas	e mark the appropriate box)					
	□ Parent				Legal Representati	ve
I have read the information on meningococcal disease and: (Mark the appropriate box)						
□ a	. DO NOT wish to receive	the meningoco	ccal vaccine.			
□ b	. Received the meningoco	occal vaccine or			Date of Vacci	nation
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