

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION RESPONSE FORM

New York State Public Health Law 2167 requires that all college and university students enrolled for at least six (6) semester hours or the equivalent per semester, complete and return the following form to the St. Joseph's College Center for Wellness. Information regarding meningococcal disease and the meningococcal vaccination accompanies this form and can also be found on the SJC Center for Wellness website. This form must be submitted prior to the first day of classes. Students who fail to submit this form and comply with the law will not be permitted to attend classes and will subsequently be withdrawn from the College.

Check one box and sign below.

I have:

- had meningococcal immunization within the past five years. **(Proof of this vaccination must be attached, or this response will not be accepted.)**

(Note: The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that all first-year college students up to age 21 years old should have at least one dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine not more than five years before enrollment, preferably on or after their 16th birthday, and that young adults aged 16 through 23 years old may choose to receive the Meningococcal B vaccine series. College and university students should discuss the Meningococcal B vaccine with a health care provider.)

- read, or have had explained to me, the information regarding meningococcal disease. I (my child) will obtain immunization against meningococcal disease within 30 days from my private health care provider.
- read, or have had explained to me, the information regarding meningococcal disease. I understand the risks of not receiving the vaccine. I have decided that I (my child) will not obtain immunization against meningococcal disease.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Student signature required OR parent/guardian only if student is a minor)

Print student's name _____ Student's date of birth _____

Student's email address _____ Student ID# _____

Student's mailing address _____

Student's phone number () _____

Please return completed form to the St. Joseph's College Center for Wellness on the appropriate campus as listed below. The form can be submitted in person, by email or via fax. Please be sure to keep a copy for your records.

IMMUNIZATION AND MENINGITIS INFORMATION

Please carefully review the information on this sheet as it contains information you will need to complete the enclosed forms. NYS Public Health Law 2165 mandates that all students taking six or more credits born on or after January 1, 1957, must be immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Students need to present proof of immunization or laboratory results indicating immunity against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella before attending classes. Students born prior to January 1, 1957 are exempt from this requirement however all students (regardless of age) must complete and return the Meningitis Response Form as mandated by NYS Public Health Law 2167.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Requirements

Public Health Law 2165 requires that students born on or after January 1, 1957 provide proof of the following immunizations in order to attend classes:

- MMR (Combined Live Measles, Mumps and Rubella Immunization). The first dose no more than four days prior to the first birthday. The second dose a minimum of 28 days after the first dose.

OR

- Single Live Measles Immunization. The first dose no more than four days prior to the first birthday. The second dose a minimum of 28 days after the first dose. Physician statement of measles disease (exact date required) is acceptable.
- Single Live Mumps Immunization. Dose no more than four days prior to the first birthday. Physician statement of mumps disease (exact date required) is acceptable.
- Single Live Rubella (German Measles) Immunization. Dose no more than four days prior to the first birthday. Diagnosis of rubella (German measles) is not acceptable as proof of immunity.

OR

- Serologic evidence of immunity (titer, attach copy of lab report) is acceptable for measles, mumps and rubella. Equivocal titers are not acceptable

Meningococcal Meningitis

NYS Public Health Law 2167 requires Colleges to provide information on Meningitis and existing vaccine. Meningococcal disease is rare. However when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. Meningococcal disease can cause serious illnesses such as infection of the lining of the brain and spinal column (meningitis) or blood infections (sepsis). The disease strikes quickly and can lead to severe and permanent disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even death. Meningococcal disease can easily be spread from person to person by coughing, sharing beverages or eating utensils, kissing or spending time in close contact with someone who is sick or who carries the bacteria. People can spread the bacteria that causes meningococcal disease even before they know they are sick. There have been several outbreaks of meningococcal disease at college campuses across the United States.

The single best way to prevent meningococcal disease is to be vaccinated. The meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine protects against four major strains of bacteria which cause about two-thirds of meningococcal disease in the U.S. The MenACWY vaccine is recommended for all U.S. teenagers and young adults up to the age of 21 years. Protection from the MenACWY vaccine is estimated to last about three to five years, so young adults who received the MenACWY vaccine before their 16th birthday should get a booster dose before entering college. The meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine protects against a fifth type of meningococcal disease, which accounts for about one-third of the cases in the U.S. Young adults aged 16 through 23 years may choose to receive the MenB vaccine series. You should discuss the MenB vaccine with a healthcare provider. Students should also contact their health insurance plan to determine whether it covers MenACWY and MenB vaccines. St. Joseph's College does not provide the MenACWY and MenB vaccinations, but parents and students may contact the Center for Wellness for information on low cost options to obtain one of these vaccinations.

To learn more about meningococcal disease and the vaccine or other immunization needed for College students, please feel free to contact the Center for Wellness and/or consult your physician.

You can also find information on the following websites:

NY State Department of Health: www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization

Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov/vaccines

American College Health Association (ACHA): www.acha.org



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