



Trinity University Meningitis Vaccine Guidelines, October 2013

According to Texas State Law, beginning in January 2014, **ALL (undergraduate, graduate, part-time and full time) students**, under 22 years of age, enrolling for the first time at Trinity University **or** returning from leave of absence must submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis to Health Services. Students must provide evidence that the vaccination was administered at least 10 days prior to the first day of the semester and within the last 5 years. Students without this proof of vaccination will not be permitted to register for classes or attend classes at the beginning of the term. It is important for students to consult their physician about the need for immunization against bacterial meningitis to prevent the disease.

Acceptable Evidence of Vaccination Includes:

1. The month, day, and year the vaccination was administered, along with the signature or stamp of the physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel; **or**
2. An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority; **or**
3. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state.

Proof of Meningitis Vaccine can be delivered in person, mailed or faxed to:

**Trinity University Health Services
One Trinity Place #80
San Antonio, TX 78212
210.999.8111 Fax 210 999 8378**

Exceptions:

A student may be exempted provided one of the following criteria is met and submitted to Health Services.

1. An affidavit signed by the student stating that the student declines the vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. A conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services must be used.
Texas State Exemption form: <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/default.aspx>
2. An affidavit or a certificate signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician's opinion, the vaccination required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student.

These exceptions do not apply during a disaster or public health emergency, terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action, or extraordinary law enforcement emergency declared by an appropriate official or authority from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Frequently Asked Questions Vaccine Exemption for Reasons of Conscience Website:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/faq_exemption.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Meningitis Website

<http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/index.html>

For More information: <http://web.trinity.edu/x6231.xml>