





## **MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION WAIVER FORM**

UPLOAD COMPLETED FORM INTO THE SECURE STUDENT HEALTH WEB PORTAL: [myhealth.salisbury.edu](http://myhealth.salisbury.edu)

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Dear Student:

This letter is to provide information about the meningococcal vaccine. Maryland law requires that every student enrolled at the University and who resides in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. A student is exempt from this vaccination requirement if he/she (or parent/legal guardian in the case of a minor), after having been advised of the risks of the disease and the availability and effectiveness of the vaccine, signs a written waiver stating that he/she has received and reviewed the information and has chosen not to be vaccinated against the disease. This law includes both undergraduate and graduate students. You will not be allowed to remain in campus housing until you comply. Please enter verifiable information on the online Medical History and Immunization Record and send or fax a copy of your immunization record which includes verification of immunization for meningococcal disease. If you choose not to be vaccinated, please complete the enclosed waiver and return it to Student Health Services via mail or fax.

Meningitis is an infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord. The disease causes fatality in ten to fifteen percent of the individuals who contract it. Complications include loss of limbs, nervous system problems, deafness, mental retardation, seizures or stroke. Though the law addresses students living on campus, students residing off campus are strongly encouraged to receive the meningococcal vaccine, as well. The American College Health Association, as well as the Centers for Disease Control, recommends the vaccine for all college age students. Meningococcal disease is a particular hazard to students who share classes, communal living arrangements and eat, drink or smoke after each other.

Menactra or Menveo (MCV4) is recommended for adolescents in this age group. Students who received the vaccine prior to the age of 16 should receive a booster. The meningococcal vaccine is generally found in agencies that provide travel immunizations. This may be your local health department, community health agency, outpatient service of your hospital, urgent care centers or through your primary healthcare provider. If you have problems obtaining the vaccine, check with your primary care physician's office for assistance. If you have questions regarding meningococcal disease, the vaccine or this requirement, visit Student Health Services at [www.salisbury.edu/health](http://www.salisbury.edu/health) or by calling 410-543-6262.

Sincerely,  
**Student Health Services**