

NEW TEXAS STATE LAW!

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination is required for new student's living on campus. This law will take effect January 1, 2010.

The State of Texas has passed a new law (HR 4189) that will require all first-time freshmen and transfer students who wish to live in campus residence halls or apartments to have a vaccination against bacterial meningitis. All first-time freshmen and transfer students wishing to live on campus after January 1, 2010 must provide the following before moving into campus housing:

1. Certification from a physician evidencing that the student has been vaccinated at least ten (10) days prior to moving into the residence halls; or
2. An affidavit or a certificate from a physician stating that the vaccination would be injurious to the health and well being of the student or stating that the vaccination has been declined for reasons of conscience. The approved form for an exemption can be found here: <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm>. If students are over the age of 18, they can complete the form themselves, listing themselves as the parent or legal guardian.

Students are strongly encouraged to visit with their primary care physician or area health clinic as soon as possible to receive the appropriate vaccinations.