



## Meningitis Statement

Georgia state law requires all students residing in University housing to receive information about meningococcal disease. Evidence suggests that college students are at an increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease if they live in residence halls. All students residing in campus housing are required to either provide proof they have received the meningitis vaccine within five years of enrollment or provide a signed waiver acknowledging the risk to themselves and others of not receiving the meningitis immunization.

Please read the following information:

1. Meningococcal disease is a serious disease that can lead to death within only a few hours of onset; one in ten cases is fatal; and one in seven survivors of the disease is left with a severe disability, such as the loss of a limb, developmental disability, paralysis, deafness, or seizures;
2. Meningococcal disease is contagious but a largely preventable infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain;
3. Scientific evidence suggests that college students living in dormitory facilities are at a moderately increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease; and
4. Immunization against meningococcal disease will decrease the risk of the disease.

Meningitis vaccinations are available by appointment at KSU Student Health Services.

## Meningitis Response Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the above information and understand it is my responsibility as a Kennesaw State University student living in University housing, to provide proof of meningitis vaccination prior to housing check-in, or to allow this waiver to stand as my acknowledgment of the risk of not receiving the vaccine. I fall into the following category:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have received the meningitis vaccine and will provide proof to the Office of the Registrar.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been educated on the risks to myself and others of not receiving a meningitis vaccine and elect to reside in University housing without receiving the meningitis vaccine.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ KSU ID#: 000 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this signed form and any supporting documentation to:*

Immunizations Department • Office of the Registrar  
•585 Cobb Avenue •MD 0116 • Kennesaw, GA 30144  
• email: immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu

## Meningitis Paperwork Check List

### Complete Meningitis Disclosure Form

- If waived, turn in form; no further action needed.
- If student has been immunized, must provide proof of vaccine to the Immunizations Office:  
**Immunizations Department - Office of the Registrar**  
585 Cobb Avenue MD 0116  
Kennesaw, GA 30144  
email: [immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu](mailto:immunizationsvc@kennesaw.edu)
- If student would like to be immunized, vaccinations are available through Student Health Services - ***\*Please bring your insurance card.***
- Vaccinations by appointment at all campus clinics. For an appointment call 470-578-6644
  - **Campus Loop Clinic** - 3215 Campus Loop Road (Near Austin Residence Complex)
  - **University Village Clinic** - 1074 Canton Place, Suite 5000 (in University Village)
  - **Marietta Campus Clinic:** Located in the Recreation and Wellness Center, Building S1

**Meningitis Response Form and/or Proof of Immunization should be forwarded to the immunizations office ASAP.**

**All students without proper paperwork will have an academic hold placed on their student account which will prevent the student from registering for classes for future semesters.**