



DATE: 2018-2019 Academic Year
TO: Incoming International Students, Parents/Guardians
RE: Meningococcal Vaccine

The General Assembly of the State of Wisconsin mandates that each public or private postsecondary institution in the state provide information concerning Hepatitis B infection to all students entering the institution for the first time. Those students who will be living in on-campus housing must also be informed about the risk of meningococcal meningitis infection. The required information below includes the risk factors and dangers of each disease as well as information on the availability and effectiveness of the respective vaccines for persons who are at-risk for the diseases. The information concerning these diseases is from the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association.

Meningococcal Disease is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection. The early symptoms usually associated with the disease include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, and lethargy.

It should be emphasized that meningitis is still a very rare disease, occurring at a rate of approximately 1 in 100,000 persons in the United States. Disease occurrence is unpredictable and we cannot reliably identify who may be at risk. Edgewood College has had only one documented case of the disease in its history.

The current available meningococcal vaccine covers some but not all strains of the bacteria that can cause Meningococcal Disease. About 30% of meningitis cases in college students can be caused by a strain that is not included in the vaccine. The vaccine offers protection that last only 3-5 years. That maybe enough for a student to feel that the cost of the vaccine is worth it. Whether to receive the vaccine is a ppersonal health, rather than a public decision, given our current understanding of the risk for the disease and limitations of the vaccine.

Edgewood College Health Services' position on meningococcal vaccine is that the vaccine should be available to those freshmen that wish to reduce their risk of the disease. Other undergraduate students wishing to reduce their risk of the disease can also choose to be vaccinated.

The vaccine is available in the Health Services for \$120.00. If you would like to get the vaccine, please call (608) 663-8334 to set up an appointment. If you have further questions, please contact me directly.

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IMPORTANT HEPATITIS B AND MENINGITIS INFORMATION

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The law does not require that students receive vaccination for enrollment. Furthermore, the institution is not required by law to provide vaccination and/or reimbursement for the vaccine.

Hepatitis B (HBV) Immunization

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a serious viral infection of the liver that can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure, and even death. The disease is transmitted by blood and or body fluids and many people will have no symptoms when they develop the disease. The primary risk factors for Hepatitis B are sexual activity and injecting drug use. This disease is completely preventable. Hepatitis B vaccine is available to all age groups to prevent Hepatitis B viral infection. A series of three (3) doses of vaccine are required for optimal protection. Missed doses may still be sought to complete the series if only one or two have been acquired. The HBV vaccine has a record of safety and is believed to confer lifelong immunity in most cases.

Meningococcal Meningitis

Meningococcal disease is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection, expressed as either meningitis (infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord) or meningococemia (bacteria in the blood). Meningococcal disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and is responsible for about 300 deaths annually. The disease is spread by airborne transmission, primarily by coughing. The disease can onset very quickly and without warning. Rapid intervention and treatment is required to avoid serious illness and or death.

There are 5 different subtypes (called serogroups) of the bacterium that causes Meningococcal Meningitis. The current CDC recommended vaccine does not stimulate protective antibodies to Sero- groups B, but it does protect against the most common strains of the disease, including sero- groups A, C, Y and W-135. The duration of protection is approximately three to five years. The serogroup B vaccination is now available and usually covered by insurance. Many recent outbreaks have involved this strain.

The vaccines are very safe and adverse reactions are mild and infrequent, consisting primarily of redness and pain at the site of injection lasting up to two days.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that college freshmen (particularly those who live in dormitories or residence halls) be informed about meningococcal disease and the benefits of vaccination and those students who wish to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease be immunized. Other undergraduate students who wish to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease may also choose to be vaccinated.

For more information about Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis B disease and vaccine, please contact your local health care provider or consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web Site at [www.cdc.gov/health/default.htm].



International Student Health Statement

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE				
This information is strictly for the use of the Student Health Center and will not be released to anyone without your knowledge and written consent.				
Name (Family Name)		(Given Name)		Date of Birth
				Student I.D. #
Home Country Address			Local Phone #	
			()	
City	Province	Country	Postal Code	Student Cell Phone #
				()
Emergency Contact (Name)		(Relationship)		(Phone #)
PART 1. TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING				
TB Test: Those who have lived in the following countries for at least five years do not require a TB test: Canada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, USA, US Virgin Islands, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, American Samoa, Australia, or New Zealand.				
If you have lived, volunteered, or worked in countries other than those listed above you will need to receive a T-Spot blood test in the Edgewood College Health Center within 2 weeks of the start of the semester. Please call to set up an appointment at (608) 663-8334 or schedule online at http://health.edgewood.edu .				
	METHOD	RESULT	DATE	
TB TEST RESULTS				
PART 2. MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA VACCINE				
If you are unable to provide documentation of two MMR vaccines, you will need to provide copies of lab titer report demonstrating rubella immunity. This can be done in the Edgewood Health Center upon arrival.				
DOSE 2 DATE	DOSE 1 DATE	TITER RESULT	DATE	
PART 3. ATTESTATION				
The information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.				
_____		_____		
Student signature		Date		
PART 4. HEALTH PROVIDER SIGNATURE				
To the best of my knowledge, this person has received the above immunization and/or has provided official rubella immune status.				
_____		_____		
Physician or Advanced Practice Provider signature		Date		

Please return completed form to:
 EDGEWOOD COLLEGE Health Services 1000 Edgewood College Drive Dominican 123 Madison, WI
 53711 Fax: (608) 663-3394