Meningitis Vaccination

A recent State Law (SB 62) updated the meningitis requirement to all students under the age of 22 entering a higher education institution to show proof of having the vaccine 10 days prior to the start of the term.

What Do I Need to Provide?

If you do not meet the exemptions or exceptions listed below then you will need to provide one of the following at least 10 days prior to the first day of the first semester:

- a physician signed or stamped form which shows the month, day and year the vaccination dose or booster was administered (student must have been vaccinated during the five-year period immediately preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class)
- an official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority
- an official record received from school officials

These documents can be accepted by:

- hand delivery at any on-campus Admissions and Records office
- fax at 972.548.6702
- scan your document and send it to admissions@collin.edu.

Please be sure your forms include your full name, date of birth and/or Collin College ID number

Exemptions and Exceptions

If you meet one of the following, you will not be required to get the vaccination. Students who are:

- 22 years of age or older by the first day of the start of the semester
- taking online or other distance education courses only
- enrolled in a continuing education course or program that is less than 360 contact hours or continuing education corporate training
- enrolled in a dual credit course which is taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a Collin College campus
- incarcerated in a Texas prison

Additional provisions have been made for students who provide affidavits or certificates signed by a physician that:

- in the physician's opinion, the vaccination required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student
- decline 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. Please note: this form could take up to two or more weeks to be processed.

More Information On Meningitis

What is meningitis? Meningitis is an inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord---also called the meninges. For more information on this disease, visit the following sites:

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Meningitis Fact sheet
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information regarding how this affects Collin College admissions process, please contact admissions@collin.edu or call 972.599.3150.