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Meningococcal Meningitis & Hepatitis B Immunization Form

As mandated by the Florida Legislature, effective January 1, 2003, we are required to provide the following information to ALL STUDENTS. Students planning to reside on campus must complete this form well in advance. Any student who fails to comply will not be allowed to live in campus housing.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE: Check the School Entering: Graduate ___ Undergraduate ___ Term of Enrollment _____

NAME _____
Last First Middle

DATE OF BIRTH ___/___/___ Male ___ Female ___ Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____

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Bacterial meningitis: Young adults between the ages of 17-24 are at increased risk of developing a severe form of bacterial meningitis called Meningococcal meningitis. The American College Health Association and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that students consider getting the Menomune vaccine. This bacterial infection, although rare, may cause severe neurological impairment, partial extremity amputations or even death (10-13% mortality rate). Freshmen living in dormitories, bar patronage, and exposure to alcohol and cigarette smoke further increase the risk of infection within this age group. The incidence in young adults is 1 case per 100,000. For freshmen living in dormitories it is 3.8 per 100,000.

There are five different subtypes (called Serogroups) of the bacterium that causes Meningococcal meningitis (Serogroups A, B, Y and W-135). The current vaccine does not stimulate protective antibodies to Serogroup B, but does against the remaining 4 types. In the past, Serogroup B caused about 50% of the cases of Meningococcal meningitis in the United States. More recently, it has decreased to about 27% or less, making the vaccination more protective. The vaccine lasts three to five years or longer and is extremely safe. It has been used in the military and among foreign travelers for over 20 years with excellent safety.

Hepatitis B is a serious viral liver infection that can lead to chronic liver cancer. The State of Florida has instituted a requirement for all school age children to complete the three shot series; however, older students or out-of-state students are not likely to be familiar with this recommendation. The hepatitis B vaccine is extremely safe and effective and is required for any individual who may possibly be exposed to blood or other body fluid