

HOUSING OFFICE
**Bacterial Meningitis
Vaccination Form**
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HB 4189 Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination

In compliance with HB 4189, a first-time student attending an institution of higher education, including a transfer student, who has applied for on-campus housing, must provide written documentation of having received the bacterial meningitis vaccination a minimum of ten (10) days prior to taking up residence in on-campus housing. Evidence of the student having received the vaccination from an appropriate health practitioner must be received by the TSTC Housing Department. The student will not be guaranteed housing if this document is not on file. This information shall be maintained in the Housing Office in accordance with Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Regulations and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Please provide evidence of vaccination by one of the following methods:

I received the bacterial meningitis vaccine on ____/____/____/ (Date) as evidenced by: (please check)

(A) An official immunization record generated by a physician or his/her designee (submit copy).

If this form is used to document the immunization, the signature or the office stamp of the physician or his/her designee must be provided in the space below:

(B) An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority (submit copy).

(C) An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state (submit copy).

A student, or a parent or guardian of a student, is not required to submit evidence of receiving the vaccination against bacterial meningitis if, under one of the following circumstances, the student, or a parent or guardian of a student submits one of the following to the institution: (check if applicable)

(A) an affidavit or a certificate signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician's opinion, the vaccination would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student; OR

(B) an affidavit signed by the student stating that the student declines 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 found at <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm> must be used.**

The exemption noted in Section 21.614 (B) does not apply during a disaster or public health emergency, terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action, or extraordinary law enforcement emergency declared by an appropriate official or authority from the Texas Department of State Health Services and is in effect for the location of the institution the student attends.

Please note: If a student has previously taken the vaccine, he/she must still follow A, B, or C above. The bacterial meningitis vaccine lasts for up to 5 years.