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 and has been approved to reside in an on-campus student housing facility (provided space is available), must provide written documentation of having received the bacterial meningitis vaccination.

Evidence of the student having received the vaccination from an appropriate health practitioner must be received by the Student Housing Office. The student will not be assigned a space in housing and may lose their position on the waitlist if this document is not on file. This information shall be maintained in accordance with Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Regulations.

I have been vaccinated and am providing evidence by one of the following

_____ An official record generated from a state or local health authority *(submit copy)*

_____ An official record generated from school officials, including a record from another state *(submit copy)*

_____ Received the vaccination from a registered health care provider *(fill out section below)*

Date of vaccination _____/_____/_____

Signature of Health Care Provider _____________________________ Date _____/_____/_____

OR
Office stamp of the physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel:

Date _____/_____/_____

I am exempt from the vaccine and am providing evidence by one of the following

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.

_____ 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 required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student.

_____ 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 must be read. https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm

The exception 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.