

# Meningitis Information Waiver

In 2002, Pennsylvania passed a law requiring ALL students residing in a residence hall in the Commonwealth to receive a vaccination for meningococcal meningitis or to sign a waiver acknowledging they have been informed about meningitis including the risks associated with meningococcal disease. By signing the waiver, it is important to understand that vaccination is the most effective way to prevent contracting the disease. Students living in residence halls at The University of Scranton MUST be in compliance with Pennsylvania law and University policy.

## BACTERIAL MENINGITIS FACT SHEET AND COMPLIANCE FORMS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that meningococcal disease is a rare, but very serious bacterial illness. The disease spreads quickly and can cause long-term problems, like loss of limbs, brain damage, and death. First-year students living in residence halls are up

Provide verification of meningococcal meningitis immunization compliance by uploading your complete immunization records. If you are declining this vaccine, complete and sign the waiver below and upload to your Student Health Portal.

### Meningococcal Meningitis Information Waiver

I have read the enclosed information about Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine; however, I decline the vaccine at this time. I understand declining this vaccine may place me at risk for contracting this serious disease and further understand I may change my mind in the future and may seek assistance from Student Health Services or another health provider to obtain the vaccine.

If student is under the age of 18, parental consent is necessary.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature (If student is under 18)

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Date

#### References:

[www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)  
[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)  
[www.nmaus.org](http://www.nmaus.org)

Student Health Services  
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