



Important Information Regarding
RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS

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Dear Student and Parent(s):

Student Health Services welcomes you to Temple University. We look forward to meeting you during the coming years.

We strongly recommend that you have your medical provider complete the enclosed immunization form. On the reverse side of this letter is information regarding the immunizations on the form as well as other immunizations that we recommend for college students.

Please have your health care provider complete the enclosed **TEMPLE UNIVERSITY IMMUNIZATION FORM** and send this information to Student Health Services.

PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: Temple University Student Health Services (066-04)
1810 Liacouras Walk, 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19122-6029
Attn: Tanya Dixon, LPN

DO NOT FAX, THE FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Thank you,
Student Health Services

INFORMATION REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Illness can interrupt your school career. By reviewing and updating your immunization status now, you will have gone a long way towards preventing such a disruption.

Meningococcal vaccine- The American College Health Association (ACHA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that all college students consider receiving this vaccine due to recent trend of an increase in the number of cases of meningococcal infection and meningitis in the 15-24 year old age group. This vaccine, marketed as **Menomune** or **Menactra**, helps protect against this disabling and potentially fatal disease.

NOTE: Pennsylvania law requires that college students living in University housing receive the meningococcal vaccine or sign a waiver stating that they choose not to get the vaccine. You will not be allowed to move into your dormitory until you have provided us either proof of meningococcal vaccination or your signed waiver.

Measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) - Outbreaks of measles continue to occur on college campuses in the U.S.; therefore, all college students should be immunized against these diseases.

Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine- Chickenpox in young adults can be dangerous. If you have not had the disease you should have the 2-dose series of this vaccine.

Hepatitis B vaccine -3-dose series. This is a contagious liver disease that is transmitted by unprotected sex, by needlesticks, and by blood or body fluid exposures. Most states already require this vaccine for children or teens.

Influenza vaccine- This vaccine is available by mid-October. Students with chronic illnesses, such as asthma or diabetes, should get this vaccine.

Tetanus-Diphtheria- Boosters are needed every ten years to maintain adequate level of protection.

Hepatitis A vaccine- 2-dose series. This is a contagious liver disease that is spread via contaminated food. This is recommended for travelers to high-risk areas, such as developing countries. It is also recommended for men who have sex with other men.

Please see your family doctor now to discuss the above immunization and screening recommendations and to update what you need based on your personal medical history and records. If you have any additional questions please visit our website at <http://www.temple.edu/studhealth/> or call 215-204-7500 and ask to speak with a nurse. Student Health Services provides any of the above vaccines for students who need them after classes have begun. There is an additional charge for the vaccines.