

MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS

Requirements

The Texas Senate Bill 1107, as amended by Senate Bill 62, requires all **new TCC students** who are **under the age of 22** and who enroll **after January 1, 2014**, to submit evidence of being immunized against meningococcal meningitis.

The meningitis vaccination (MV) requirement applies to:

- All first-time freshmen
- All new transfer students
- All returning TCC students who have experienced a break in TCC enrollment of at least one fall or spring term

Deadlines

An MV record administered within the five-year period immediately preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first semester enrolled or re-enrolled must be submitted to your campus's Admissions and Registrar Office.

Required MV Documentation

At least one of the following **must be faxed, mailed or taken in-person** to the Admissions and Registrar Office; or may be submitted via WebAdvisor:

1. **Certification from a physician or clinic that you have been vaccinated during the five-year period immediately preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class.**
2. **An immunization record from either a state or local health authority, or an official record received from school officials (must be within 5 years).**

3. **A completed, signed and dated copy of TCC's Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Verification Form**

The information will be maintained in the Admissions and Records Office in accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations and the Health and Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Note: If you fail to submit required MV documents, you will be restricted from registering for classes.

Extensions

Under justifiable circumstances, the Admissions and Registrar Office may grant an extension to extend the compliance date to no more than 10 days after the first day of the semester.

Limited Exceptions/Exemptions

If you meet any of the following requirement, you are **not required to submit an MV**.

If you're:

- Twenty-two years old and older.
- Taking only Distance Learning (DL) courses.
TCC's WebAdvisor registration system will electronically exempt the MV requirement and allow enrollment in DL courses.
- A Community and Industry Education (CIE) student enrolled in a course or program that is less than 360 contact hours, or in CIE corporate training.
- Enrolled in a dual credit course that is taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a TCC campus.
- Given a signed affidavit or certificate from a physician that states the vaccination would be injurious to your health.
- Given a signed affidavit stating that you decline the MV for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief.
 - You must submit the Exemption from Meningococcal Vaccination Requirements for Reasons of Conscience form from the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Incarcerated in a Texas prison.