

Summer 2009

Dear New Residence Hall Student:

This letter contains **very important information** about your housing assignment at Millersville University for fall 2009 semester. Please read it carefully.

We are writing this letter to inform you of the *College and University Vaccination Act*. This law requires all students living in Pennsylvania college/university owned housing to either provide proof they have been vaccinated for meningococcal disease or sign a waiver indicating they have declined to be vaccinated. This law took effect in 2002 and applies to all Millersville students living in University residence halls.

In order to comply with this law, you **must** do one of the following **before** you will be able to check in to your residence hall room for the fall 2009 semester:

1. **See your health care provider and get immunized for meningococcal disease as soon as possible if you have not been previously immunized for meningitis. Include this information on Immunization page of the required Health History and Physical form that all registered students are required to submit to Health Services by August 10, 2009.** If you have already sent the form to Health Services you do **not** need to do anything else. The University Health Service will notify the Housing Office you have been immunized.
- OR**
2. Complete and sign the enclosed waiver and submit to Health Service prior to checking into your residence hall room on August 25, 2009.

Millersville University Health Center (MUHS) is partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Division of Immunization to offer free meningococcal vaccine to unvaccinated international students and under/uninsured freshmen students. After August 1, 2009, a limited number of immunizations may be available. If you feel you qualify and are unable to obtain the vaccine from your primary care provider, please call MUHS to schedule an appointment. Please remember, only a limited number of vaccinations may be available.

It is **very important** to understand that it will **not** be possible for any student to move into a residence hall room on August 25, 2009 unless he/she has already been vaccinated for meningococcal disease or completes and signs the enclosed waiver.

Information regarding bacterial meningitis can be located at the following web addresses:

Millersville University Health Services:

<http://muweb.millersville.edu/~muhs/>

Additional information:

[www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial/college.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial/college.htm)

[www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial/faqs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial/faqs.htm)

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Millersville University Health Services at 717-872-3250.

Sincerely,

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Student Affairs

Susan F. Northwall, D.O.  
Medical Director  
Health Services

**MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY**

**MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE VACCINATION WAIVER FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, received and reviewed the information provided by  
(Print Your Name)

Millersville University regarding meningococcal disease. I am fully aware of the risks associated with meningococcal disease and of the availability and effectiveness of the vaccinations against the disease. I knowingly decided not to receive a vaccination against meningococcal disease for religious or other reasons (please list the reasons below):

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Signature of Student/Parent/Guardian \*

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Date

\* **NOTE:** Students under the age of 18 must secure the signature of their parent or guardian if they do not receive a vaccination against meningococcal disease and plan to reside in University owned housing.