

Information about Meningococcal Disease

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AS PART OF THE RESIDENCE HALL CHECK-IN PROCESS, STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A COPY OF THIS FORM AS PART OF THEIR COLLEGE RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS.

Effective January 2004, every postsecondary educational institution is required to provide the following information to all newly admitted first-year or matriculated students residing in college housing:

1. Meningococcal disease is a serious disease that can lead to death within only a few hours of onset; one in 10 cases is fatal; one in seven survivors of the disease is left with a severe disability, such as the loss of a limb, mental retardation, paralysis, deafness or seizures;
2. Meningococcal disease is a contagious but largely preventable infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain;
3. Scientific evidence suggests that college students living in residence hall facilities are at a moderately increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease; and
4. Immunization against meningococcal disease will decrease the risk of the disease.

For additional information about meningococcal disease, visit www.nmaus.org.

Students should contact their local health care provider to get the vaccine, or check with the providers listed below. Insurance may cover this vaccine; students should confirm this with their vaccine provider and their own insurance provider.

Students must call to verify availability and cost of vaccines through the providers below. If a student needs financial assistance, he or she must confirm all eligibility requirements for the Vaccine for Children program. Applicants must be under 18 years of age and have no medical insurance coverage, among other requirements. Call your local health department for more information.

PROVIDERS

Memorial Health University Student Health Clinic

300 Bull St.
Savannah, GA 31401
912.231.9956

Chatham County Health Department

1395 Eisenhower Dr.
Savannah, GA 31406
912.356.2441

Fulton County Health Department

265 Boulevard NE
Atlanta, GA 30312
404.730.5835