



**Bacterial Meningitis Immunization**  
*Required by Action of the Legislature of the State of Texas*  
*SB 1107 / June 9, 2011*

**DEAR McMURRY STUDENT:**

On and after January 1, 2012, all first-time students, including transfer students, dual credit students attending classes on McMurry's campus, and any student who previously attended McMurry University before January 1, 2012 and is seeking to be readmitted, must present a certificate to the institution demonstrating they have been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis, and that the date of the vaccination is no older than five years from the first day of class in which the student is seeking to register.

**LIVING on CAMPUS:**

There is a 10 day waiting period between the time of receiving the vaccination and moving into on-campus housing. Students will not be allowed to move into residence halls until evidence of vaccination is received by the university nurse and the 10 day waiting period has occurred.

**REGISTERING for CLASSES:**

- There is a 10 day waiting period between the time of receiving the vaccination and attending classes.
- If the date of the vaccination is older than five years prior to the first day of class in which the student is seeking to register, a new vaccination is required.
- Students may register for classes if at least 10 days remain before the first day of class for the semester in which they are seeking to enroll.
- If fewer than 10 days remain before the first day of class the Registrar's office personnel can help with determining the date on which you may register.
- Students will **not be allowed to register for classes if fewer than 10 days remain** between the time of the vaccination and the last day to add a course for the semester of the desired enrollment, based on the published academic calendar.

**SEND VACCINATION RECORD TO HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC:**

You must provide evidence of the vaccination, receiving a booster, or the exemption prior to registering for classes. All documents should be mailed, faxed, emailed, or hand delivered to the McMurry University Health Services Clinic. If you have any questions, please contact McMurry Health Services at the information listed below.

mail to: Ms. Ronda Hoelscher, R.N.  
Health Services Clinic  
McMurry University  
McM Station Box 716  
Abilene, TX 79697

phone: 325.793.4857  
fax: 325.793.5840  
email: [hoelscher.ronda@mcm.edu](mailto:hoelscher.ronda@mcm.edu)  
deliver to: President Residence Hall (SE Corner)

**Students should make any desired copies of the immunization record prior to submission to the Health Services Clinic.** Health records submitted to the McMurry Health Services Clinic become the property of McMurry University and, while available for viewing if requested, copies are not provided to the student.

**ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE - includes the following:**

- The signature or stamp of a physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel, on a form which shows the month, day, and year the vaccination dose or booster was administered.
- An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority.
- An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state.

**AVAILABLE EXEMPTIONS:**

A student may be exempt from the requirement if he or she:

- Is 30 years of age or older on or before the first day of the term of enrollment.
- Presents a physician's certificate indicating the vaccination would injure the health of the student.
- Signs an affidavit declining the vaccination due to reasons of conscience including religious belief. This provision does not apply during "a public health emergency, terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action or extraordinary law enforcement emergency." A request for an exemption for reasons of religious belief must be made in writing through the U.S. Postal Service, commercial carrier, fax, or through the secure online site:

Department of State Health Services  
Immunization Branch (MC 1946)  
P.O. Box 149347  
Austin TX 78714-9347  
Fax: 512.776.7544

Secure online request form for exemption affidavit:  
<https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm>

- Is enrolled in only online courses and not on campus for any reason. *Note: 1) Classes held at Dyess AFB are considered regular McMurry classes and do not fall under this exemption. 2) While McMurry does offer some online courses, there are no completely online programs available and most online courses provide a degree of hybrid delivery. Additionally, since students can select courses for dropping/adding once they have visited with an advisor, this exemption generally does not apply to a student at McMurry.*

**LOCATIONS:**

Please consult your physician for more information about the vaccination. You may get the vaccination at your personal physician's office, health clinics, or pharmacies such as Walgreens, HEB or CVS.