

Meningitis Vaccination and Documentation

I. Policy

In accordance with Texas Education Code 51.9192, *all entering students are required to show evidence of initial bacterial meningitis vaccine or a booster dose during the five-year period preceding and, at least 10 days, prior to the first day of the first semester in which the student initially enrolls*, unless the student qualifies for an approved exemption from the vaccine.

Sam Houston State University (SHSU) has delegated the meningitis enforcement and data collection process to the Student Health Center (SHC).

II. Procedure

The following procedures are specific to SHSU for the enforcement of Texas law

A. Vaccines Accepted

There are two types of meningitis vaccines currently available. Students are advised to consult with their medical provider about their optimum vaccination protocol for their individual needs.

1. **SHSU requires** the quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate **group A** vaccine that protects against four strains of bacteria that cause the disease (A, C, Y, and W-135). Brand names: Menactra or Menveo.
2. The meningococcal group B vaccine, which protects against one strain is a compliment vaccine and does not meet the State of Texas requirement if the student has ONLY received this vaccine. Brand names: Trumenba or Bexsero names:

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2. An approved medical exemption in the form of an affidavit or signed statement by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States, stating that in the physician's opinion, the vaccination would be injurious to the health and well-being