

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania State Legislature passed the **College and University Student Vaccination Act** on June 26, 2002, and Governor Mark Schweiker signed the Act into law. This Act directly affects all students that will be residing in on-campus housing accommodations in Pennsylvania.

The Act has the following key elements:

- It requires institutions of higher education to provide information to students residing in on-campus housing accommodations on the risks associated with meningococcal disease (meningitis is just one form of this disease), and the availability and effectiveness of the vaccine. Please refer to the enclosed fact sheet for additional information regarding the vaccine.
- It prohibits students who have not received the immunization or submitted the exemption waiver from living in University-owned housing accommodations.
- It allows for an “exception” procedure. A student, or a parent or guardian of a student under the age of 18, can sign a written waiver stating that the information was received and reviewed, and that the vaccination was declined for religious or other reasons. The University may permit the student to then reside in on-campus housing accommodations once the waiver is received.

In order for Penn State University to comply with this law, **all** on-campus students must have a form on file. **Forms must be received prior to the student moving into on-campus accommodations; failure to return this form will result in the student not being permitted to move in on-campus housing facilities.**

Please indicate on the form one of the following options:

- 1) **Section B:** Your health care provider signs the form indicating that you have received the vaccination.
- 2) **Section C1:** You have attached documentation indicating that you have received the vaccination.
- 3) **Section C2:** You have received the vaccination at another Penn State campus, and have recorded the information on the University Health Form that is filed at that campus.
- 4) **Section D:** You are requesting an exception from the immunization requirement.

Please return the completed form to:

Department of Housing Services, 300 University Manor West, Hershey, PA. 17033.

For further information, please contact Housing Services at (717) 531-8210. For health-related questions, please contact your health care provider or Student Health Services at (717) 531-5998. Additional information is also available at [www.hfs.psu.edu/vaccine](http://www.hfs.psu.edu/vaccine).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this new act. We look forward to your arrival!

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Shaffer  
Director, Business Services