

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Meningitis Vaccine Policy
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Texas Senate Bill 1107 requires all newly enrolling or newly enrolling students who have had a fall or spring break in enrollment prior to enrollment in the UT Health Science Center, to provide proof that the meningitis vaccination was administered at least 10 days prior to the first day of the term. Vaccinations must have been received or renewed within the last 5 years. The legislation provides two exceptions: a) students who are over 30 years of age and b) students taking 100% of classes online. Generally, these exceptions will be applied to students as appropriate by the university without any action needed by the students.

In addition to the above exceptions, SB 1107 and the State Education Code also provides for exceptions based on health reasons, conscientious objection reasons, including religious beliefs, or a student on active military duty with the United States armed services. The health exception request must be accompanied by a signed document by a healthcare provider. The conscientious objection exception must be made on a specific exemption form provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Please contact them directly for details. The active duty exception must be accompanied by proof of active service. In any case, these specific exception requests should be submitted to the below address. .

UT Health Science Center
Office of the Registrar – MSC 7702
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900

The UT Health Science Center supports mandatory immunization for meningitis. Students are strongly encouraged to fully review information about meningitis before deciding whether to seek an exemption. Meningitis information can be [found online](#). Questions regarding the meningitis information may be directed to the Student Health Center at 210-567-9355.

Meningitis vaccine may be obtained at the local Health Department, primary care physicians, HEB, Walgreens, and other convenient care locations. Prices vary at locations.

NOTE: All the above exceptions do not apply during a disaster or public health emergency, terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action, or extraordinary law enforcement emergency declared by an appropriate official or authority from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Acceptable Evidence of Vaccination Includes:

1. The month, day, and year the vaccination was administered, along with the signature or stamp of the physician or her/his designee, or public health personnel; **or**
2. An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority; **or**
3. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Meningitis CDCWeb site
<http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/about/faq.html>
Frequently Asked Questions From UT General Council
<http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/pdf/UTGenCounselRequirements.pdf>