



****Mandatory Meningitis Vaccine****

Effective October 1, 2013, the Texas Legislature has passed a new regulation (with limited exceptions) that will affect all new students 22 years of age and younger. Please read the following very carefully:

- All new or transfer students must have taken the vaccine **within the last 5 years and submit proof of the vaccine prior to arrival.**
- You are strongly encouraged to take the vaccine in your home country if you need it. It will make your arrival process much easier and less expensive.

Questions and Answers:

QUESTION: What will happen if I arrive **with** the vaccine?

ANSWER: If you arrive with the vaccine, you may begin classes and move into the residence hall as scheduled.

QUESTION: What will happen if I arrive **without** the vaccine?

ANSWER: If you arrive without the vaccine you will not be allowed to move into a residence hall or begin classes. You will be required to take the vaccine. **You will then need to wait 10 days before you can do either of these.**

QUESTION: If I plan to live on campus, where will I stay?

ANSWER: The University will arrange for temporary housing until you meet the regulations to move into the dorms.

In addition, all students planning to live on campus are required to submit proof of the following:

1. Td (tetanus diphtheria) within the last 10 years
2. MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)
3. Current tuberculin skin test

The influenza vaccine is also strongly recommended for all students living in the residence halls.

For further information go to: <http://www.uiw.edu/health/meningitischange.html>