

Prairie View A&M University strives to keep all students healthy and safe. As such, the Department of Health and Counseling in conjunction with American Campus Communities is working to inform all students of the precautions needed to keep themselves healthy including the newest requirements regarding bacterial meningitis vaccinations.

The state of Texas now requires that every first-time student (regardless of age or classification), enrolling after January 1, 2010, residing on campus at Prairie View A&M University must show evidence of being immunized against bacterial meningitis.

What this means to you:

If you are a first-time student living on-campus, you must submit evidence that they have received the bacterial meningitis vaccination at least **10 days prior** to moving in to any campus housing facility. This includes University College, University Village and University Village North. International students must provide a certified English translation of all documents. **Students will not receive housing assignments until this evidence has been submitted.**

Evidence of vaccination must be submitted to the Department of Health and Counseling Services (must have received vaccination at least 10 days prior to living on campus, Spring 2010: January 08, 2010 and Fall 2010: August 02, 2010) in one of the following three formats:

1. A document bearing the signature or stamp of the physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel including the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered.
2. An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority. This must include the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered.
3. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state (must include the month, day and year the vaccination was administered).

Evidence of declining vaccination must be submitted in one of the following two formats:

1. An affidavit or certificate signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, the physician's opinion, the vaccination required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student.
2. An affidavit signed by the student stating that the student declines the vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. A conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services must be used. Secure on line "Affidavit Request for Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience" can be found at <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm>

Returning the forms early will avoid periodic notification of the absence of this form from your official TTU University Student Housing Student record. The meningitis vaccination is available at the Owens-Franklin Health Center with your acceptance letter.

All documents or approved exemption forms must be mailed, faxed, emailed or hand delivered to the Department of Health & Counseling Services

Mail: Health & Counseling Services
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. 519 MS 1413
Prairie View, TX 77446
Email: healthandcounseling@pvamu.edu

Fax: 936/857-4999

Hand Delivery: Owens-Franklin Health Center
Reda Bland Avenue @ O J Baker

We thank you for your cooperation in this very serious matter