



Waiver of Immunization

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College students, especially freshman living in residence halls, are at an increased risk for contracting meningococcal disease. The bacterial form of this disease can lead to serious complications such as swelling of the brain, coma, and even death within a short period of time. Immunization can prevent up to 80% of meningococcal meningitis in young adults. The vaccine is safe and effective against 4 of the 5 types of bacteria responsible for meningococcal meningitis in the United States and for the majority of the cases in the college age population. Protection lasts approximately 8 years.

I have read the information provided about meningococcal disease, vaccine, and have made an informed decision to decline receipt of the vaccine. The Tennessee Department of Health **strongly urges** students to get the Meningitis Vaccine.

Signature _____
Signature of student or parent/guardian (if student is under 18)

Date _____