Undergraduate Housing Meningitis Vaccine Requirements

The University requires that all students living on campus housing be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis. It is important that students understand the specifics of this disease, the factors that place this particular age group at an increased risk and disease prevention techniques.

Meningococcal disease is an infectious disease caused by the bacterium Neisseria meningitides. It is easily spread by person to person contact wherever large groups of people gather together – such as college dormitories or residence halls. The bacteria are transmissible through respiratory and throat secretions during close or lengthy contact (such as coughing or kissing). Meningitis is a very serious illness caused by a meningococcal infection. It can be fatal. Permanent disabilities such as hearing loss and brain damage can also occur. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, headache and stiff neck. Often, additional symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, increased sensitivity to light and confusion or altered mental status occur. Typically symptoms develop within 3-7 days after exposure. Early diagnosis and treatment are very important.

Vaccination is the best prevention technique. In addition to vaccination, the following techniques can reduce the risk of infection: maintaining healthy eating and sleeping habits; washing your hands frequently; avoiding close contact with people who are sick; and understanding the signs and symptoms.

For more information, please visit the following website: [http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/index.html)  
www.cdc.gov.meningococcal/

Immunization Data Entry and Document Upload Instructions

University Health Service requires that the following items are completed within 2 weeks of the start of the semester. Failure to complete these requirements will result in a HOLD being placed on your academic account. A HOLD will restrict your ability to register for future classes or receive official transcripts from the registrars office. University Health Service is the only department that can lift this “immunization HOLD”.

There are two separate items to complete: (1) you must log in and enter the date(s) of meningitis immunization(s) and (2) you must upload actual immunization records to support the date(s) you just entered. (*Failure to complete BOTH items by the deadline will result in a HOLD placed on your account.*)

NOTE: Google Chrome works better with the Student Health Patient Portal than Internet Browser. Be sure Pop-Up Blocker is disabled prior to logging in to the Student Health Patient Portal.

1. Log into myUK using your LinkBlue ID  
   [https://myuk.uky.edu](https://myuk.uky.edu)

2. Click on Student Services tab and then myInfo

3. Click on Student Health in the left column (a new window will open if pop-up blocker is off)

4. Click on Immunizations then click Enter Dates Once you see the names of the different meningitis vaccines, pick the one that matches your records, enter the date(s) and hit submit.

5. To UPLOAD your records, go back to the HOME screen and click Upload

Follow the directions to upload your immunization documentation. A nurse will review your entries in the next 2-3 weeks and let you know if any further information is needed.

If you are unable to access the Student Health Patient Portal or having other technical trouble please contact: uhsit@uky.edu or call 859- 218-3283 or 859-218-3284