

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Requirement

Effective October 1, 2013, Texas Senate Bill 62 ([SB 62](#)), addendum to [SB 1107](#), requires all students (**under age 22**) entering an institution of higher education (public and private) to either receive a vaccination against bacterial meningitis or meet certain criteria to decline the vaccination 10 days before they first day of the semester.

Important facts about [Bacterial Meningitis](#)

How to complete this requirement

We use the services of Magnus Health to collect, review, and securely store all student documents pertaining to the meningitis vaccine. Magnus Health's SMR (Student Medical Record) is a web-based solution that will allow us to manage the vast number of vaccination records that we have to collect to comply with the new state law. All first-time and former students that fall under this requirement must register through Magnus Health's SMR, ensuring that the course registration process is not delayed. Students will be withdrawn from their classes on the 10th class day if this new requirement has not been completed. **The vaccine must be administered within the past five years and verified at least 10 days prior to the first day of classes in the semester for which you are beginning at Texas A&M University–Commerce. Student's will be dropped from classes if this requirement has not been met by this date.**

Admissions Semester	10 Days Prior Date	1st day of Classes Date
Summer 1 2014	May 23, 2014	June 2, 2014
Summer 2 2014	June 27, 2014	July 7, 2014
August Mini 2014	July 29, 2014	August 8, 2014
Fall 2014	August 15, 2014	August 25, 2014

Getting started

1. Log into myLEO to enter the Student Portal. You will need your CWID number and password.
2. Click on the myLEO link at the top of the page to enter the Self-Service page
3. Click on the Meningitis Shot Requirement link found on the Main Menu
4. You will automatically be directed to the Magnus Health's SMR account page
5. Your myLEO account is linked to your Magnus Health account through a single-sign-on; therefore, you do not need to create an additional username and password.
6. You will be asked to verify your personal information
7. \$10 processing fee payable to: Magnus Health SMR (debit or credit card required)
8. You will then be guided through the rest of the verification process through Magnus Health SMR
9. You can access Magnus Health's SMR by logging into your myLEO account at any time.

Bacterial Meningitis FAQ's

How long will it take for my record to be approved?

Magnus Health will review your record within 2 business days from the time it is *received*. If you choose to fax or mail your record instead of uploading it directly, that time period will begin when the document is received by Magnus Health reviewers, not from the time that it was sent.

How do I submit proof of vaccination or exemption for the meningitis vaccine?

When you log into your Magnus Health account, you will be given instructions on how to submit the required documentation via a 60-second, introductory video. The video provides a comprehensive overview of how to submit your documentation by uploading a PDF directly to your account. If you are unable to upload, you can alternatively fax or mail the document to Magnus Health. If you need any additional assistance, please contact Magnus Health's customer service at service@magnushealthportal.com, start a live chat, or call (877) 461-6831.

Who should I contact if I have questions regarding my Magnus Health account?

Magnus Health's customer service team is available to answer any questions that you might have. You may email them directly at service@magnushealthportal.com, start a [live chat](#), or call (877) 461-6831.

What happens if I don't submit proper forms or proof of being vaccinated?

A hold will be placed on your student record and you will not be able to attend classes past the 10th class day.

What are my options if I wish to decline the vaccination?

You must obtain a waiver, signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, stating that, in the physician's opinion, the required vaccination for bacterial meningitis would be injurious to your health and well-being.

(OR)

You must sign and submit an affidavit stating that you decline the required vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief.

You will receive instructions on how to request affidavit forms from the Texas Department of State Health Services once you've created your Magnus Health account.

Who is required to comply with the Meningitis Vaccination Law?

All first-time students (under age 22) enrolling in public, private, or independent institutions of higher education on or after January 1, 2012.

(AND)

Any students (under age 22) who attended an institution of higher education prior to January 1, 2012 and are re-enrolling in an institution of higher education following a break of at least one fall or spring semester.

Does this requirement apply to me if I take classes online or at a distance education site?

- If you are *only* taking classes online, you do not fall under this requirement
- If you are taking classes online *and* on campus, you must complete the requirement

To which school office or department should I submit my forms?

You will not submit any forms to any department at your school. Once you've created your Magnus Health account, you will submit all documents through your SMR (Student Medical Record) by uploading, faxing, or mailing them directly to Magnus Health. Detailed instructions on how to submit the required documentation are available via a 60-second, introductory video that plays when you log into your account. If you need any additional assistance, please contact Magnus Health's customer service at service@magnushealthportal.com, start a live chat, or call (877) 461-6831.

Where can I get the bacterial meningitis vaccine?

If you have not been vaccinated for bacterial meningitis within the past 5 years, you can obtain the vaccine from:

- your healthcare provider
- a local health clinic
- a pharmacy

The vaccine must be administered at least 1 day prior to the first day of classes. This will be the last possible day to receive a vaccination if you plan to attend classes this semester. Do not delay.

What if I don't know or remember if I have been vaccinated?

Please contact your local health care provider for a medical opinion.

What constitutes a bacterial meningitis vaccination?

The vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – MCV4 and MPSV4 – offer protection for Meningitis groups A, C, Y and W-135. Currently, MCV4 and MPSV4 are the only vaccines that are accepted. Please visit the [CDC website](#) for additional information.