BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINE REQUIREMENT

The University of Texas Medical Branch complies with Senate Bill 62 and Texas Education Code 51.9192 "the Jamie Schanbaum Act and Nicolis Williams Act", which requires entering students of a Texas institution of higher education, including transfer students, to show evidence of immunization for bacterial meningitis prior to enrollment. The vaccination must be within the last 5 years or a booster is required and must have been given at least 10 days before the first day of class.

STUDENTS WHO MUST COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT:

- All NEW students entering UTMB, who are under 22 years of age, the first day of class in January 2014 and thereafter.

STUDENTS WHO ARE EXEMPT:

- If you will be age 22 or older the first day of classes of the semester in which you are enrolling at UTMB.
- If you will be enrolled exclusively in online or distance education courses. NOTE: An online or other distance education course that includes a face-to-face component, including meeting in a testing laboratory with other students, or meeting in a classroom to receive interactive video instruction, does not qualify as an online or other distance education course. New Student Orientation is considered a classroom interaction.
- If you cannot take the vaccine because of medical reasons. To prevent registration from being affected, this must be submitted to Student Health with documentation from your physician.
- You decline the vaccine due to reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. To prevent registration from being affected you must submit to Student Health a completed notarized form from the Texas Department of State Health Services. This form can be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school. Please allow 2 weeks to receive your form from the state. Exemption forms must be received at least 90 days from when the form was notarized.
- If your Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board CE course is less than 360 hours

Acceptable documentation to prove that you meet the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine Requirement includes:

- The UTMB Student Health Immunization Record Form signed or stamped by a physician, NP, or PA or other clinic or public health personnel showing month, day, and year of vaccine or booster.
- An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority that includes the same information as above.
- The signature or stamp of a provider on a form showing month, day, and year of the vaccine or booster.

Documentation must be in English and include full name and date of birth.