

Meningococcal Vaccination – New Recommendations

- Vaccinations are administered to reduce the risk of certain infections.
- Concerning the meningococcal vaccination, by law the University is given the task to inform you of the disease and to advise that the vaccination is required for all college freshmen.
- It is becoming clear that the effectiveness of the vaccine may decrease in time and a booster dose is recommended.
- The new CDC recommendation:
- Adolescents get the first dose of meningococcal vaccine at age 11 or 12 years, with a booster dose at age 16 years.
- Students entering college who have not received the meningococcal vaccine must get at least one dose.
- Students entering college who received their first dose of the meningococcal vaccine before their 16th birthday should get a second booster dose.
- The Office of Public Health will give the booster doses in their health units (as necessary) through the age of 18 years for a maximum \$10.00 administration fee.
- If you have received only one dose of the vaccine prior to your 16th birthday, please consider getting this critically important booster dose for your protection.