

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS RECORD

The
College
of Saint
Rose

Name: _____ Student ID: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ Cell: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

At least 1 dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine not more than 5 years before enrollment is recommended.

(Meningitis vaccination/waiver is required of all students– See Below for Student Waiver*)

Recommended Vaccine:

MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY Name _____ Date ____/____/____
Month Day Year

MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY Name _____ Date ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Health Care Provider Signature/Stamp Required. Include professional designation:

Print Name & Title _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Phone _____
Address _____ **STAMP**

*Attached certificates of immunization will be
accepted **ONLY IF** signed/stamped by health
care provider.*

STUDENT WAIVER* TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN Required Meningococcal Meningitis Response

The meningitis vaccine is not required, student or parent please review the disease/vaccine information on the back/second page of this form and Check one (1) of the boxes below.

I have, or for students under the age of 18, my child has:

- ☐ had meningococcal immunization within the past 5 years as indicated above.
- ☐ read, or have had explained to me, the information regarding meningococcal disease. I understand the risks of not receiving the vaccine. I have decided that I (my child) will **not** obtain immunization against meningococcal disease.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Signature of Student or Parent/Guardian if student is under eighteen.

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Meningococcal Meningitis Information

The College of Saint Rose is required to maintain a record of the following for each student:

- A response to receipt of meningococcal disease and vaccine information signed by the student or student's parent or guardian
AND EITHER
- A record of meningococcal immunization within the past 5 years; OR
- An acknowledgement of meningococcal disease risks and refusal of meningococcal immunization signed by the student or student's parent or guardian.

Meningococcal disease is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. Meningococcal disease can cause serious illnesses such as infection of the lining of the brain and spinal column (meningitis) or blood infections (sepsis). The disease strikes quickly and can lead to severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even lead to death.

Meningococcal disease can be easily spread from person-to-person by coughing, sharing beverages or eating utensils, kissing, or spending time in close contact with someone who is sick or who carries the bacteria. People can spread the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease even before they know they are sick. There have been several outbreaks of meningococcal disease at college campuses across the United States.

The single best way to prevent meningococcal disease is to be vaccinated. The meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine protects against four major strains of bacteria which cause about two-thirds of meningococcal disease in the United States (U.S.). The MenACWY vaccine is recommended for all U.S. teenagers and young adults up to age 21 years. Protection from the MenACWY vaccine is estimated to last about 3 to 5 years, so young adults who received the MenACWY vaccine before their 16th birthday should get a booster dose before entering college. The meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine protects against a fifth type of meningococcal disease, which accounts for about one-third of cases in the U.S. Young adults aged 16 through 23 years may choose to receive the MenB vaccine series. They should discuss the MenB vaccine with a healthcare provider.

All private insurance plans not grandfathered under the Affordable Care Act are required to cover the cost of MenACWY and MenB vaccines. Contact your health insurance plan to determine whether it covers MenACWY and MenB vaccines. The federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) and NYS Vaccines for Adults (VFA) programs will cover both MenACWY and MenB vaccines for children and adults who have no health insurance or whose health insurance does not cover these vaccines, as well as for children less than 19 years of age who are American Indian or Alaska Native or eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus.

The College of Saint Rose Health Service does not provide immunizations. Please check with your insurance provider to find participating locations and coverage. The vaccine is available through county health departments and locally at the Albany County Department of Health, 175 Green Street, Albany, NY 12202 Phone: (518) 447-4580. Prices range from \$18 to \$140 please call to verify eligibility.

To learn more about meningococcal disease and the vaccine, please feel free to contact our health service and/or consult your child's physician. You can also find information about meningococcal disease and the vaccine at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/ and the New York State Department of Health website at www.health.ny.gov/publications/2168.pdf.