

MENINGITIS FAQs

What is meningitis?

The term meningitis refers to an infection of the outer surface of the brain, and can be caused by a number of different bacteria and viruses. College students who live in residence halls or similar kinds of living arrangements (e.g. a fraternity or sorority house) are slightly more at risk for a particular type of bacterial meningitis known as meningococcal meningitis. Although rare, it can be fatal in a minority of cases. Fortunately, vaccines are available which can further lower your risk.

Does the UA require that I get the “meningitis vaccine”?

The UA is not requiring that you get the vaccine against meningococcal meningitis, but **strongly recommending** that any student who will be living in university (residence halls) or Greek system (fraternity or sorority) housing seriously consider being vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis.

What you need to know

- Although you may have received the meningitis vaccine that protects against serogroups A, C, W and Y, you may need a booster dose of this vaccine if you last received it between ages 11-12.

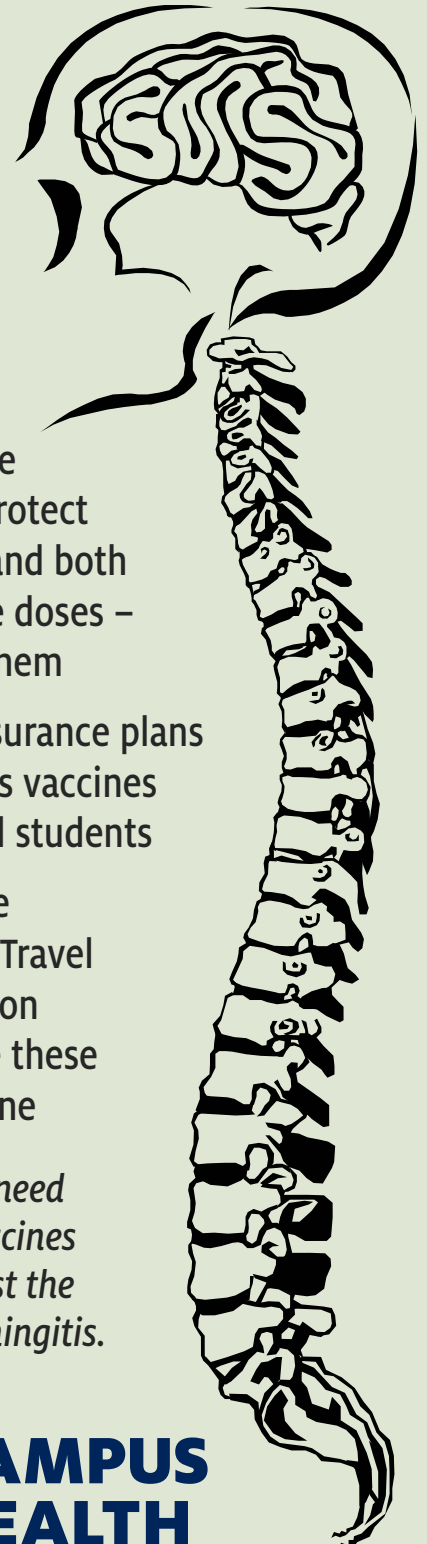
- There are separate vaccines that protect against serogroup B meningitis (Men B)*

- Two vaccines are available that protect against Men B and both require multiple doses – choose one of them

- Many health insurance plans cover meningitis vaccines for college-aged students

- You can visit the Campus Health Travel and Immunization Clinic to receive these important vaccine

** Remember: you need two different vaccines to protect against the five types of meningitis.*



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