

## Required Meningitis Vaccination

Effective January 1, 2012, Senate Bill 1107 amends current Texas law requiring proof of Bacterial Meningitis vaccination 10 days before attending Spring 2012 classes for **all** entering students **except**:

- Students over 30 years of age
- Students who take only online or distance education courses
- Current students of TTUHSC or another institution of higher education before January 1, 2012  
**AND** who have been enrolled without a break of at least one fall or spring semester
- Individuals who are dual-credit students from a Texas Independent School District
- Students enrolled in a non-credit course or program that is less than 360 contact hours, or non-credit corporate training.

*Proof of vaccination (within the past 5 years) is required of all students **less than 30 years**, and those who have had a break in enrollment at the same institution.*

### About Bacterial Meningitis

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Meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. Meningitis is usually caused by a viral or bacterial infection. The severity of illness and treatment differs depending on whether it is caused by a virus or bacterium. Viral meningitis is generally less severe and clears up without specific treatment. Bacterial meningitis can be severe and may result in brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disabilities. It is also important to know what type of bacterial meningitis, because antibiotics can prevent some types from spreading and infecting other people.

### Vaccinations

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Low cost vaccinations may be available at county/city clinics, please call and inquire before going. The web site provides the forms you will need to complete.

<http://www.elpasotexas.gov/health/immunization.asp>

### Health Center Locations and Operating Hours

Centers are open 6:30-11:15 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday with alternating Saturdays. Closed 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch at all five clinics.

<b>Henderson</b>	721 S. Mesa	Plus 4th Sat of the month	<b>Yes meningococcal provided</b>
<b>Northeast</b>	5587 Transmountain	Plus 2nd Sat of the month	
<b>Tigua</b>	7862 San Jose	Closed on Saturdays. Immunizations provided at Bassett Place Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month	<b>Yes meningococcal provided</b>
<b>Ysleta</b>	110 Candelaria	Plus 1st Sat of the month	<b>Yes meningococcal provided</b>
<b>Westside</b>	5195 Mace	Plus 4th Sat of the month	