

**MENINGITUS IMMUNIZATION FORM**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE BY  
AUGUST 1, 2008.**

**PRINT STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the state of Pennsylvania's *College and University Student Vaccination Act*, Geneva College is providing you with this form, which must be completed prior to moving into a residence hall.

Under this law, all college resident students must either be vaccinated for meningitis or sign a waiver form stating their reasons for not receiving the vaccination. In order to move in as a resident student at Geneva College, you must either provide proof of immunization, order and prepay for an immunization to be administered by a Geneva College health service nurse after arriving to campus, or sign the waiver stating your reason for not receiving the immunization.

**PLEASE CHECK THE OPTION YOU HAVE CHOSEN:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have received the Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine prior to arriving on campus. I have provided written documentation of my immunization to the Office of Admissions. This documentation may be listed on the Physician Health Evaluation.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I want to order one dose of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine and give permission to have a Geneva College health service nurse administer the immunization to me after arriving to campus. I have enclosed my check for **\$110 payable to Geneva College**.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I have been advised by Geneva College of the risks of meningococcal disease and I have reviewed the information provided to me. I am choosing **NOT** to be vaccinated for the following reason(s):

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*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

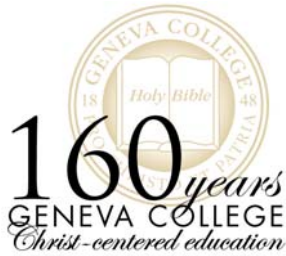
If you are **UNDER** the age of 18 at the time of signing this form:

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**Print** Parent or Guardian's Name

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*Date*

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*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

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*Date*



**TO:** Geneva College Students  
**FROM:** Connie Erwin R.N.,C Health Services Director  
**RE:** Meningococcal Vaccine

As the health service director at Geneva College, I am writing to inform you about meningococcal disease, a potentially fatal bacterial infection commonly referred to as meningitis, and **a Pennsylvania law requiring all college resident students to either be vaccinated for meningitis or to sign a waiver form stating their reasons for not receiving the vaccination.** This Senate bill 955 was signed into law on June 28, 2002 and became effective as of August 28, 2002.

**THEREFORE, YOU MUST:** 1.) Notify your primary care physician or local health department and arrange to receive the immunization prior to arriving to campus, or 2.) Order and prepay for your immunization (\$110.00) to be administered by a Geneva College Health Service nurse after your arrival to campus (see attached form) or 3.) Choose **NOT** to be immunized for religious or other reasons. You must **sign and return** the attached **waiver** stating that you understand the risks of meningitis but choose not to be immunized.

**Either proof of immunization, a prepaid order, or the completed waiver form, must be submitted to the Office of Admissions prior to moving into any Geneva College housing.**

Meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the tissues surrounding the brain and spinal column as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even death.

Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age (the age of most college students) have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives. Between 100 and 125 meningitis cases occur on college campuses and as many as 15 students will die from the disease.

A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States types

A, C, Y and W-135. These types account for nearly two thirds of meningitis cases among college students.

I encourage you to learn more about meningitis and the vaccine. For more information, please feel free to contact your local health department and/or consult your physician. You can also find information about the disease at [www.cdc.gov/nip](http://www.cdc.gov/nip), or [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal\\_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm).

Sincerely,  
Connie I. Erwin R.N.,C  
Health Services Director