

Summer 2007

Dear New Residence Hall Student:

This letter contains **very important information** about your housing assignment at Millersville University for Fall 2007 semester. Please read it carefully.

We are writing this letter to inform you that recently the *College and University Vaccination Act* was signed into Pennsylvania law. This law requires all students living in Pennsylvania college/university owned housing to either provide proof they have been vaccinated for meningococcal disease or sign a waiver indicating they have declined to be vaccinated. This law took effect with the beginning of the 2002-2003 academic year and applies to all Millersville students living in University residence halls as of the beginning of the fall semester 2002.

So that you can be informed about meningitis, we have enclosed a pamphlet from Aventis Pasteur Inc., which provides thorough information about this disease. We encourage you to read this pamphlet carefully. Additional information about meningitis can be located at the following web addresses:

Aventis Pasteur Inc. at [www.us.aventispasteur.com](http://www.us.aventispasteur.com)  
Millersville University's Health Services at <http://muweb.millersville.edu/~muhs/>  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/mening/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/mening/default.htm)  
[www.cdc.gov/ncidod/DBMD/diseaseinfo/meningococcal\\_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/DBMD/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm)

In order to comply with this law, you **must** do one of the following **before** you will be able to check in to your residence hall room for the fall 2007 semester:

1. **See your health care provider and get vaccinated for meningococcal disease as soon as possible.** When you receive the vaccination, please send Millersville University Health Services written verification from your health care provider proof of vaccination. This information must be received by August 21, 2007.

**OR**

2. **Send to Millersville University Health Services written verification that you were previously vaccinated for meningococcal disease.** The verification **must** include your health care provider's signature.

**If you received your meningococcal vaccination in the past at the Millersville University Student's Health Service or there is already record on your health history form at the University Student Health Service of your having received the vaccination from another health care provider,** you do **not** need to do anything. The University Health Service will notify the Housing Office you have already been vaccinated.

**OR**

3. Complete and sign the enclosed waiver and bring it with you when you check into your residence hall room on August 21, 2007.

It is **very important** to understand that it will **not** be possible for any student to move into a residence hall room on August 21, 2007 unless he/she has already been vaccinated for meningococcal disease or completes and signs the enclosed waiver.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions about it, you may contact the University's Student Health Service at 717-872-3250.

Sincerely,

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Residential Programs

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Director of Student Health Services

**MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY**  
**MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE VACCINATION WAIVER FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, received and reviewed the information provided by  
(Print Your Name)

Millersville University regarding meningococcal disease. I am fully aware of the risks associated with meningococcal disease and of the availability and effectiveness of the vaccinations against the disease. I knowingly decided not to receive a vaccination against meningococcal disease for religious or other reasons (please list the reasons below):

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Signature of Student/Parent/Guardian \*

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Date

**\* NOTE:** Students under the age of 18 must secure the signature of their parent or guardian if they do not receive a vaccination against meningococcal disease and plan to reside in University owned housing.