



Dear Student,

Welcome to the University of St. Thomas!

The Office of Health Promotion & Wellness (HP & W) assesses and responds to the health and wellness needs of the students and the UST campus at large.

Effective October 1, 2013, Senate Bill 62 REQUIRES that ALL INCOMING STUDENTS under the age of 22, including transfer and graduate students, submit proof that they have been vaccinated against Meningococcal Meningitis within the last 5 years, or qualify for a permissible exemption. The appropriate immunization records are required to be on file with the Office of Health Promotion & Wellness prior to a student registering for classes.

- In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations, the bacterial meningitis vaccination must have been received **at least after the student's 16th birthday and within the past 5 years.**
- **This information DOES NOT apply to students who are 22 years and older or if you take classes that are online only.**

We strongly encourage you to get your proof of immunization in ASAP to avoid any issues with registering for classes on time.

If you want to live on campus, you must provide proof of the REQUIRED vaccinations to live on campus (**See the Immunization form on the UST web page**). The appropriate vaccination records must be on file with the Office of Health Promotion & Wellness **no fewer than 10 days prior to the student's move-in date.**

Your right to claim an exemption from the vaccinations must be submitted on the appropriate form(s) found on the UST web page www.stthom.edu.

Immunization forms must bear the signature or stamp of the physician or public health personnel and include the month, day, and year of vaccination. If your records are being sent from your physician, please make sure all required vaccinations are included, up to date and in English.

Note to All International Students: Tuberculosis (PPD skin test) must have been done within the past 12 months prior to starting classes at UST. This must be included in your records at the Health Promotion & Wellness Office.

Please contact the Health Promotion and Wellness Office if you have any questions regarding your immunization requirements.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

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