

Memphis College of Art

Vaccination Information and Waiver

Tennessee law requires that all new in-coming students either receive the vaccinations (as outlined below) or sign a waiver indicating that they do not wish to receive the vaccines. While Memphis College of Art is not required by law to provide vaccination and/or reimbursement for the vaccines, both can be purchased/administered at the Shelby County Health Department, 814 Jefferson Avenue, Room 216 (901-544-7600).

Student Name: _____

A. Hepatitis B (HBV) Vaccine

[To Be Completed By All New In-Coming Students - Mandatory]

Hepatitis B (HBV) is a serious viral infection of the liver that can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure, and even death. The disease is transmitted by blood and/or body fluids and many people will have no symptoms when they develop the disease. The primary risk factors for Hepatitis B are sexual activity and injecting drug use. This disease is completely preventable. Hepatitis B vaccine is available to all age groups to prevent Hepatitis B viral infection. A series of three (3) doses of vaccine are required for optimal protection. Missed doses may still be administered to complete the series if only one or two have been previously received. The HBV vaccine has a record of safety and is believed to confer lifelong immunity in most cases.

- I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have received the initial dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine.
- I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have elected NOT to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine.

Signature of Student (or Parent/Guardian if student is under 18):

_____ Date: _____

B. Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine

[To Be Completed By All New Students Living In Memphis College Of Art Student Housing - Mandatory]

Meningococcal disease is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection, expressed as either meningitis (infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord) or meningococcemia (bacteria in the blood). Meningococcal disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and is responsible for about 300 deaths annually. The disease is spread by airborne transmission, primarily by coughing. The disease can onset very quickly and without warning. Rapid intervention and treatment is required to avoid serious illness or death. There are 5 subtypes (serogroups) of the bacterium that causes Meningococcal Meningitis. The current vaccines do not stimulate protective antibodies to serogroup B, but both protect against the most common strains of the disease, serogroups A, C, Y and W-135. The duration of protection is approximately 3 to 5 years for Menomune and even longer for the new conjugate vaccine Menactra. The vaccines are very safe and adverse reactions are almost always mild and local, consisting primarily of redness and pain at injection site lasting up to two days. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that college freshman (particularly those who live in dormitories or residence halls) be informed about meningococcal disease and the benefits of vaccination and those students who wish to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease be immunized. Other undergraduate students who wish to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease may also choose to be vaccinated.

- I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have received the vaccine for Meningococcal Meningitis.
- I hereby certify that I have read this information and I have elected NOT to receive the vaccine for Meningococcal Meningitis.

Signature of Student (or Parent/Guardian if student is under 18):

_____ Date: _____