

We'd like to make you aware of a recent law passed by the Texas legislature that affects all new college students regardless of their state of residency.

Effective January 1, all first-time college students or transfer students enrolling in Texas public or private colleges and universities who plan to live in on-campus dormitories are required to be immunized against bacterial meningitis at least 10 days prior to moving into on-campus housing. The meningococcal vaccine is readily available, and you may have already received the vaccine. If you have not received a meningococcal vaccine, it is imperative that you do so at least one month prior to beginning your college career. You must provide proof of immunization via an official immunization record. An official record includes the day, month and year of the vaccination and 1) is signed or stamped by physician or physician's designee, or 2) is an immunization record from a public health authority, either state or local, or 3) is an immunization record from a school official.

**If you are not immunized at least 10 days prior to arrival at ACU, you will not be allowed to move into your residence hall.**

If receiving the meningococcal vaccine would endanger your health, you must provide a signed affidavit from a registered and licensed physician that states in his/her opinion the required vaccination would be injurious to your health and well-being. If you need to decline the vaccination for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, you must complete the conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services available at any Texas health department or online at <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm>.

We encourage you to read more about the requirements on the Texas Department of Health Services Web site, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your admissions counselor, <<territory manager>>, at (800) 460-6228.

Sincerely,

Mark Lavender  
Director of Admissions  
Abilene Christian University