



## Meningitis Vaccine Requirement

Texas Senate Bill 1107, passed in May 2011, requires all students entering a public, private, or independent institution of higher education in Texas as of January 2012 and thereafter to provide documentation that they have had a meningococcal (bacterial meningitis) vaccine or "booster" dose during the five-year period prior to but no later than ten days before the first day of the first semester they will enter that institution.

**You will not be allowed to register for classes, until the Admissions Office has received and processed documentation showing that you have complied with the following requirement.**

### Immunization

Unless exempted as noted below, the following students must comply with this requirement.

- All first-time students at Weyland Baptist University.
- All students who are transferring from any institution of higher education to WBU.

All students who previously attended WBU and who are enrolling following a break in enrollment of at least one term.

### You are EXEMPT from this requirement if:

- You will be age 30 or older on the first day of classes of the semester in which you are enrolling at Weyland Baptist University.
- You will be enrolled only in online or distance education courses.
- You cannot take the vaccine because of medical reasons. Before you will be allowed to register for classes, WBU must receive specific, acceptable documentation to substantiate this reason.
- You decline the vaccine due to reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Before you will be allowed to register for classes, WBU must receive a completed, notarized, original Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) Vaccine Exemption Affidavit Form. **BE AWARE:** This is the **only** acceptable documentation for this exemption, and this process takes a significant amount of time. Begin well in advance of your intended registration date.

### Acceptable documentation includes:

- The signature or stamp of a physician or his/her designee or public health personnel on a form that shows the month, day, and year of your most recent meningococcal vaccination or booster dose;
- An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority that includes the same information as above; or
- An official record issued from school officials, including a record from another state, that includes the same information as above.

For more information contact the Admissions Office