

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Student Immunizations

Students who are enrolled in clinical courses in health occupation programs are required to complete a medical information form and will be required to have updated immunizations as specified by the Division of Health Occupations. In accordance with Senate Bill 1517, (Texas Legislature, 1991). All students should have measles, mumps, rubella and tetanus immunizations prior to admission. Students who are enrolled in clinical courses in health occupation programs (except RN-to-BSN), are required to complete a medical form and will be required to have updated immunizations as specified by the Division of Health Occupations. Although TVCC does not require the Covid-19 vaccine, health occupations clinical students may be required to get vaccinated and boosted depending on the requirements of their respective clinical facilities.

All students under the age of 22 are required to have proof of the bacterial meningitis vaccine that is not more than five years old.

Bacterial Meningitis

This information is being provided to all new college students in the state of Texas. Bacterial meningitis is a serious, potentially deadly disease that can progress extremely fast—so take utmost caution. It is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. The bacteria that cause meningitis can also infect the blood. This disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year, including 100-125 on college campuses, leading to 5-15 deaths among college students every year. There is a treatment, but those who survive may develop severe health problems or disabilities.

What are the Symptoms of Bacterial Meningitis?

- High fever
- Severe headache
- Rash or purple patches on skin
- Vomiting
- Light sensitivity
- Stiff neck
- Confusion and sleepiness
- Nausea
- Lethargy
- Seizures

There may be a rash of tiny, red/purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin. These can occur anywhere on the body.

The more symptoms, the higher the risk, so when these symptoms appear seek immediate medical attention.

How Can I Find Out More Information About Bacterial Meningitis?

- Contact your own health care provider.
- Contact your regional Texas Department of Health office at 903-595-3585.
- Contact web sites: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/>); www.acha.org (<http://www.acha.org>).