

Student Deadlines



Students should plan ahead and provide applicable documentation to avoid enrollment delays and student account holds.

All students must comply with the bacterial meningitis requirement before they are permitted to register for classes.

Meeting the state meningitis compliance requirement is part of the registration process.

- Student access to class registration will be blocked until evidence of compliance with meningitis requirements is completed.
- Students should plan ahead to meet compliance requirements and eliminate registration delays.
- Check your student center account in myLoneStar to confirm your status.



Remember, even if you are exempt from the bacterial meningitis vaccination, you are strongly encouraged to obtain the vaccinations before registering at Lone Star College. Please keep in mind the following considerations.

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- The bacterial meningitis vaccination must be administered by a Health Practitioner authorized by law to administer an immunization.
- Vaccinations older than 5 years will require a booster
- All students must receive the bacterial meningitis vaccination at least 10 days prior to the start of the semester.

About Bacterial Meningitis

Meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. Meningitis is usually caused by a viral or bacterial infection. The severity of illness and treatment differs depending on whether it is caused by a virus or bacterium. Viral meningitis is generally less severe and clears up without specific treatment. Bacterial meningitis can be severe and may result in brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disabilities. It is also important to know what type of bacterial meningitis, because antibiotics can prevent some types from spreading and infecting other people.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) was the leading cause of bacterial meningitis before the 1990s. Since the Hib vaccine is now given to all children as part of their routine immunizations, the number of Hib infections and related meningitis cases has declined. *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Neisseria meningitidis* are now the leading causes of bacterial meningitis.

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What You Need to Know



Texas law requires most incoming college students to be vaccinated against bacterial meningitis or provide an exemption request declining the vaccine. Senate Bill 1107 amends current Texas law requiring proof of Bacterial Meningitis vaccination at least 10 days before attending classes.

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There are three ways for students to provide proof of vaccination or exemption:

1. **Vaccination:** Submit proof of vaccination via Magnus Health SMR.
2. **Medical Exemption:** Submit proof of medical exemption via Magnus Health SMR.
3. **Conscientious Exemption:** Submit original exemption form to campus Admissions/Advising Office.

Lone Star College has partnered with Magnus Health SMR (Student Medical Records), an electronic system for tracking and storing the bacterial meningitis immunizations and exemptions. Access Magnus Health SMR inside your myLoneStar student account. **Magnus customer service: 1.877.461.6831**

You are **REQUIRED** to provide proof of vaccination or exemption if any of the following apply:

- You are enrolling in college for the first time as a credit student.
- You are returning to college after a break in enrollment of one fall or spring semester or more.
- You are transferring to LSC for the fall or spring semester from another college or university following a break in enrollment of one fall or spring semester or more.
- You are an early college, dual credit or other exceptional admissions student enrolled in classes on a Lone Star College campus.
- You are a non-credit Career & Technical Education student also enrolled in credit classes.

You are **EXEMPT** if any of the following apply:

- You are 22 years of age or older.
- You have been continuously enrolled (Fall and Spring) at LSCS or another institution of higher education since fall 2011. An unofficial transcript is required to verify continuous enrollment.
- You are enrolled in a non-credit CTE course or program that is less than 360 contact hours, and are not taking any credit classes.
- You are enrolled in non-credit corporate training.
- You are enrolled in 100% online or distance education courses.
- You are a dual-credit student taking courses taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a higher education institution campus.
- You obtain a medical exemption.
- You obtain a conscientious objection exemption.

Vaccination Documents

Vaccination documents must include the month/day/year and specific type of vaccination administered. Evidence of Vaccination must show that the vaccination was received at least 10 days prior to attending classes. Evidence of Vaccination must be submitted in one of the following formats:

- A document bearing the signature or stamp of the physician, a designee, or the public health personnel who administered the immunization.
- An official immunization record generated by a state or local health authority.
- An official immunization record from another school, including those from another state.

Vaccination Document Steps:

1. From your Magnus Health SMR account inside myLoneStar, download and print the affidavit form.
2. Take the affidavit form to your physician and have the physician complete and sign the form or provide you with an official immunization record including all information outlined:
 - a) An official physician signature or stamp.
 - b) Physician must indicate the month/day/year the vaccination was administered.
 - c) Physician must indicate the specific vaccine administered (Either MenACWY or MPSV4).
3. Make a copy of the form for your records.
4. Upload, fax or mail the exemption affidavit using instructions posted in your Magnus Health SMR account. Use the student cover sheet as indicated; each cover sheet contains individual student account codes.

Medical Exemption

An affidavit or a certificate signed by a physician. The physician must be registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States. The affidavit must state the physician's opinion that the vaccination would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student. The form may be uploaded, faxed or mailed (must use Magnus Health SMR cover sheet to fax/mail and follow instructions on the cover sheet.)

Medical Exemption Steps:

1. From your Magnus Health SMR account inside myLoneStar, download and print the affidavit form.
2. Take the affidavit form to your physician and have the physician complete and sign the form.
3. Make a copy of the form for your records.
4. Upload, fax or mail the exemption affidavit using instructions posted in your Magnus Health SMR account. Each cover sheet contains individual student account codes.

Conscientious Objection

An exemption form signed by the student stating that the student declines the bacterial meningitis vaccination for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Original form must be submitted to campus admissions/advising office.

Conscientious Objection Steps:

1. Go to LoneStar.edu/Meningitis for a copy of the Exemption from Meningococcal Vaccination Requirements for Reasons of Conscience form.
2. Print and sign completed form.
3. Submit the original signed form to the campus Admissions/Advising Office.