

Vaccine clinics

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Your student at VES can protect him/herself against several serious health threats to students by taking advantage of immunizations offered in cooperation with Intravene on campus in the fall of 2011.

As a parent you may not be aware of the health risks associated with Meningococcal Meningitis and Influenza.

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

Outbreaks of meningitis due to the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis* have risen on college campuses in recent years. Meningitis is a serious and potentially fatal disease that affects the brain and spinal cord and can lead to permanent disabilities such as hearing loss and brain damage. Meningococemia (blood infection) can lead to kidney and heart failure and also result in severe disability and death. Students are more susceptible because they live and work in close proximity to each other in residence halls and classrooms. Students at boarding schools live in similar conditions as college freshmen who live in residence halls. These college freshman students have a six times higher risk of meningitis than college students overall. Meningitis is passed through such common habits as sharing a drink or cigarette, kissing or through the air via coughing or sneezing.

There is a **safe, effective vaccine** that can provide protection against four strains of meningitis, which together account for 70% of meningitis cases on campus. In the past, vaccination has been delayed until an outbreak occurs. ***Because the onset of symptoms is extremely rapid and immunity after vaccination can take up to 2 weeks to develop, it makes sense for students to consider reducing their risk before an outbreak occurs.***

If your child has already been vaccinated the **CDC now recommends** “if your child was vaccinated between the ages of 11-12 they should receive a second dose at age 16. If your child was vaccinated at age 13-15 they should received a second dose 3 years after the first dose.”

INFLUENZA

Influenza (“the flu”) can lead to serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications such as pneumonia. With a rigorous curriculum, even a short illness may cause a setback in studies and hinder academic achievement. Many schools encourage their students to be immunized against influenza annually to prevent an outbreak, which can occur very quickly

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| • Influenza | \$30.00 | The cost of the vaccine given will be charged to the student’s account. |
| • Meningitis | \$130.00 | |

Intravene will be providing vaccines at VES in the fall of 2011 when the influenza vaccine is available. If you would like for your student to receive any immunizations please complete the informed consent form below and return to VES. (see address below) . If you have any questions please call Intravene at 1-877-947-3902, extension 2172. Other vaccines may be obtained by request.

INFORMED CONSENT TO ADMINISTER VACCINES TO STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

I, the undersigned authorize Intravene to administer the following vaccine(s) to my son/daughter at the immunization program to be held in conjunction with his/her high school, university or college. I understand I will be financially responsible for the vaccines which I authorize for my child.

Please check authorized vaccine: Influenza Meningococcal

I have reviewed the vaccine information statements available on Intravene’s Website (Intravene.net), which outlines the benefits, risks and contraindications to the vaccines as well as the possible side effects.

Students Name (Please Print):
Last: _____ First: _____ M.I.: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Students Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please mail completed form to VES, 400 VES Road, Lynchburg, Va. 24503 (Attention: Teresa Poe-Confidential)