

RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS

Washington State law requires community colleges to provide information on meningococcal disease, also known as meningitis, to students who are offered on-campus housing. College students, particularly those that live in residence halls, have a modestly increased risk of getting the disease. About 100 cases occur on college campuses in the U.S. each year, resulting in five to fifteen deaths. A meningococcal vaccine protects against four of the five most common types of the disease, which can result in serious or life-threatening illness. Vaccine protection lasts three to five years and can prevent 50-70% of cases on college campuses. Those students who will be attending college and living in close proximity to others should talk with a health care professional about obtaining the meningococcal vaccine prior to college entry.

For full protection, **Shoreline Community College strongly recommends students receive both the standard meningitis vaccine and the meningitis type B vaccine, especially for those under age 25 who live in on-campus housing.**

It is also recommended that all students have had the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination series, a Tetanus booster in the last 10 years, and the Hepatitis B series.

For more information about meningococcal disease and the meningitis B outbreaks, visit the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) resources on meningococcal disease](#).

For more information on the MMR Vaccine series, visit the [CDC's webpage here](#).

Both the meningitis type B vaccine and the MMR vaccine series are available in the community health services surrounding Shoreline Community College.