

**Information Bulletin for College Students
About Meningitis & Adult Immunizations
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The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) adopted recommendations in February 2005 that all incoming college freshmen living in dormitories be vaccinated against Meningitis. Since the immunization against Meningitis was not a routine childhood vaccine until mid 2005, many students could be without protection.

Every year between 100 and 125 Meningitis cases occur on college campuses and up to 15 students will die as a result of this serious disease. Research proves students are at higher risk due to lifestyle factors such as crowded living environments, sharing of personal property, decreased immune systems and lack of sleep. The symptoms of Meningitis are often mistaken for common flu, cold or fever. If not treated early, a person could have effects including: hearing loss, seizures, amputation of limbs or death.

There is Not a Known Current Outbreak on Auraria Campus. However, the Health Center at Auraria medical staff encourages you to learn more about this disease and your risk and get vaccinated. The Meningococcal immunization and other recommended adult vaccines are available at the Health Center at Auraria. For more information, stop by the Health Center, Plaza Building, #150, Auraria Campus, or go to the:

Health Center at Auraria <http://www.mscd.edu/student/resources/health/>
Adult Immunizations

Centers for Disease Control and <http://www.cdc.gov>
And Prevention <http://www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultImmSched/>

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