



University of Miami Meningitis Vaccine Declination Form

The Florida Department of Health has issued an alert due to the increased cases of **meningococcal meningitis** seen in the state.

The following groups should consider vaccination with a meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine:

- **College and university students.**
- Immunocompromised individuals.
- People living with HIV.
- [Men who have sex with men;](#)
- People in any groups listed above who received their MenACWY vaccine more than 5 years ago.

This is a serious disease caused by bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*. Fortunately, these bacteria are not as contagious as germs that cause the common cold or flu. People do not catch the bacteria through casual contact or by breathing air where someone with meningococcal disease has been. It requires close contact over a period of time, or direct contact such as kissing or sharing drinks.

Early symptoms of the disease include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, light sensitivity, confusion, and rash. Anyone who has been exposed or develops symptoms should be evaluated by a health care provider immediately. This is a rare but potentially devastating disease.

I attest that I have reviewed the message above and choose to decline vaccination against meningococcal meningitis, despite the risks.

Student Name: _____ **Date of birth:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature _____
(required if student is under age 18 years)

Please upload signed form via [MyUHealthChart.com](https://myuhealthchart.com)

Alternatively, you may email it to Studenthealth@miami.edu