



Technical Bulletin

Division of Public and Behavioral Health



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Topic: Amendment to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 441A.755 University Students: Proof of immunity to certain communicable diseases required; exceptions; exclusion from university

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To: Universities' Records and Registration Office and Student Health Center

Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 441A.755 were adopted by the State Board of Health on September 9th, 2016 and affirmed by the Nevada Secretary of State's office on November 2nd, 2016. As noted below, the new requirement will go into effect beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

1. A student enrolled as a freshman of a Nevada university, who is less than 23 years of age upon enrollment, may not attend university after September 1, 2017 without proof of immunity to *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningitis). **Vaccination with at least one dose of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) on or after age 16 years will satisfy this requirement.**

The exact language of the amended requirement may be found at:

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2016Register/R052-16A.pdf>

This amendment changes the college immunization requirements for meningitis to remove the "on-campus housing" stipulation. All college students have a greater risk for encountering and contracting meningococcal disease than the general population, regardless of their housing situation; therefore, all incoming college students should receive age-appropriate meningococcal vaccination prior to attendance.

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