

Immunization Information

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Health Services strongly encourages all students to be immunized against Hepatitis B and Meningococcal Meningitis.

Florida state law requires students who reside in university-managed housing to provide written, physician-certified, documentation for the Hepatitis B series (three doses) and Meningococcal Meningitis (single dose) or sign a waiver to decline those immunizations. If immunizations are not submitted or the immunization waiver is not completed, you will not be compliant with the immunization requirements and a medical hold will be placed onto your account until this is completed.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a serious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV). Hepatitis B is the most common serious liver infection in the world. Hepatitis B is dangerous because it is a “silent infection,” which means it can infect people without them knowing it. Hepatitis B can lead to serious complications of liver damage, liver failure, liver cancer, and even death. The Hepatitis B vaccine can provide immunity against Hepatitis B infection, especially those who have increased risk from exposure including people who have received blood products containing the virus through transfusions, drug use, tattoos, or body piercing; people who have sex with multiple partners or with someone who is infected with the virus; and health care workers.

Please visit www.hepb.org to learn about Hepatitis B and its effects.

Meningococcal Meningitis

Meningococcal Meningitis is an infection of the protective membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. Meningitis can be caused by a bacterial or viral infection; however, it can be caused by a fungal or parasitic infections. The bacteria that cause the infection can spread when people have contact with someone’s saliva, like through kissing, coughing, sharing beverages or even cosmetics. Even with treatment, 10 to 15 percent of those who get the infection will die from it. Meningitis complications can be severe; survivors can be subject to permanent disabilities such as limb amputations, seizures, hearing loss, brain damage, and kidney failure. However, Meningococcal Meningitis can be prevented through vaccination.

Please visit <https://the16vaccine.org/> to learn about Meningococcal Meningitis and its effects.

Immunization Waiver

I acknowledge I understand the possible risk in declining the Hepatitis B vaccines and/or the Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine which is highly recommended, but not required. I acknowledge I understand the benefits of being vaccinated to reduce these risks.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

I decline to vaccinated for the Hepatitis B

I decline to be vaccinated for Meningococcal Meningitis



By signing below, I acknowledge I am declining the vaccine(s) which are highly recommended, but not required.

Student Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ Student ID Number: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

