

Dear Admitted Student:

We are writing to inform you about meningococcal disease, a potentially fatal bacteria infection commonly referred to as meningitis, and law in New York State. On July 22, 2003, Governor Pataki signed New York State Public Health Law (NYS PHL) §2167 requiring institutions, including colleges and universities, to distribute information about meningococcal disease and vaccination to all students meeting the enrollment criteria, whether they live on or off campus. The law became effective on August 15, 2003.

CUNY School of Law is required to maintain a record of the following for each student:

A response to receipt of meningococcal disease and vaccine information signed by the student. This must include information on the availability and cost of meningococcal meningitis vaccine (Menomune™); **AND EITHER**

- A record of meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 5 years
- OR**
- An acknowledgement of meningococcal disease risks and refusal of meningococcal meningitis immunization signed by the student.

Meningitis is rare. However, when it strikes, its flu-like symptoms make diagnosis difficult. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal column as well as severe and permanent disabilities, such as hearing loss, brain damage, seizures, limb amputation and even death.

Cases of meningitis among teens and young adults 15 to 24 years of age (the age of most college students) have more than doubled since 1991. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and claims about 300 lives. Between 100 and 125 meningitis cases occur on college campuses and as many as 15 students will die from the disease.

A vaccine is available that protects against four types of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States- types A, C, Y and W-135. These types account for nearly two thirds of meningitis cases among college students.

CUNY School of Law does not offer the Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine. Please contact your doctor about receiving the vaccine. We believe the cost of the vaccine is approximately \$100.00/\$150.00.

Please complete the Meningococcal Meningitis Response Form and return it to the Admissions Office along with your seat deposit or under separate cover in accordance with our deadlines. Failure of submission or approval will block you from registering, attending classes and/or receiving any financial aid disbursements.

To learn more about meningitis and the vaccine, please consult your physician. You can also find information about the disease on the following websites:

New York State Department of Health: www.health.ny.gov

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov/meningitis/about/index.html

American College Health Association: www.acha.org

Sincerely,

The Staff of the Admissions Office

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**MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION
RESPONSE FORM**

New York State Public Health Law 2167 requires that all college and university students enrolled for at least six (6) semester hours or the equivalent per semester, at least four (4) semester hours per quarter, complete and return the following form, or you will be blocked from registration and from attending classes.

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

College Name: **CUNY School of Law** Social Security #: _____

Student Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone number: (____) _____

Check one box and sign below.

I have:

received the information regarding meningococcal meningitis disease and vaccine, including information regarding the availability and cost of the meningococcal meningitis vaccine. I have decided that I (my child) will **not** obtain immunization against meningococcal meningitis disease.

received the information regarding meningococcal meningitis disease and vaccine, including information regarding the availability and cost of the meningococcal meningitis vaccine. I received the meningococcal meningitis immunization (Menomune™) within the past 5 years. Date received: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____