

## Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine Information

First year college students residing in residence halls are at increased risk for meningococcal disease, a bacterial infection commonly referred to as the flu. Meningococcal meningitis is rare, but can be fatal or leave survivors with severe and permanent disabilities, including hearing loss, brain damage, and limb amputation. First year college students living in residence halls have been found to have up to a six-fold increased risk for the disease.