

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

Request for Exemption Form for Required Vaccines

In accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the American College Health Association, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health and, as set forth below, in conformity with Pennsylvania law, Bryn Mawr College requires the vaccines below, except when an exemption is granted due to a bona fide medical or religious exemption.

All exemption requests must be in writing, explaining the basis for the request (medical or religious) and documented by:

- For medical exemptions: a written statement by a physician or physician's designee that immunization may be detrimental to the health of the person seeking exemption. Should the physician determine that immunization is no longer detrimental, the exemption will no longer apply and the student must be immunized. For Varicella; Measles, Mumps, Rubella; and Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis vaccines, an exemption may also be granted for those proving immunity via antibody testing and/or medical confirmation of immunity by a physician/physician's designee; or
- For religious exemptions: a written statement by the student (or, if under 18, by the student's parent or guardian), explaining the objection to the immunization on religious grounds, or based on a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.

Please mark for which of the following vaccines you are requesting an exemption:

Varicella (two doses)

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR or Measles, Mumps, Rubella single series) (two doses)

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (two doses)

Meningitis AYCW

In 2002, the Pennsylvania College and University Student Vaccination Act passed, requiring all students residing in college or university-owned housing to have at least one dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine. This vaccine is highly effective at preventing infection of meningitis bacteria serotypes A,C,Y and W. It is important to know that there are two types of "meningococcal" or meningitis vaccines. One is the PA state required meningococcal conjugate vaccine, which is recommended to be given to those 11-12 years old with a booster dose recommended at age 16. This vaccine does not protect against meningococcal B, which is the second type of meningitis that has been observed recently at colleges and universities. Teens and young adults are also encouraged (but not

