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## **More meningitis vaccine arrives, demand remains steady**

Dallas County Health and Human Services officials announced today that another shipment of the meningitis vaccine designated for the Adult Safety Net Program has arrived.

The inventory of the meningitis vaccine DCHHS received last week dwindled in a matter of days, but today's shipment will allow more students in our community to get the vaccine they need for enrollment.

"It has become increasingly difficult to keep the much needed vaccine in stock," DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson said. "Nevertheless, DCHHS remains committed to keeping students and their families updated on the status of our meningitis vaccine supply."

New state legislation requires that all new, transferring and re-enrolling public and private college students under the age of 30 be vaccinated against bacterial meningitis before they can attend classes on campus.

College students are especially at risk to the potentially deadly disease because of their age and proximity to others in close living quarters.

Bacterial meningitis is caused when the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord becomes infected and inflamed. The disease is spread from person to person when respiratory secretions are passed by coughing, sneezing, kissing and sharing personal items such as drinking and eating utensils.

DCHHS offers the meningitis vaccine to students 19 years old and older in the Adult Immunization/Foreign Travel clinic in Room 141 on the first floor of the DCHHS building at 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas.

The cost of the vaccine is \$10 while the supply lasts.

Clinic hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Appointments are not necessary.

For more information, please call 214-819-2162.

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