
**Report on Internet-Based
Meningococcal Vaccine
Exemption Requests for
Public Junior and Community Colleges
School Year 2015-16**

**As Required By
Texas Education Code, Section 51.9192**

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Introduction

Texas Education Code, Section 51.9192(d-3) requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to develop and implement a secure internet-based process to allow public junior and community college students to apply for an exemption from the meningococcal vaccine requirement for reasons of conscience. The exemption process must provide a statement indicating that the student understands the benefits and risks of receiving or not receiving the immunization. Section 51.9192(d-5) requires DSHS to report to the Legislature annually the number of exemptions applied for in the preceding school year. The internet-based process became operational in 2013.

Online Meningococcal Exemptions for School Year 2015-16

A total of 43,711 exemptions were processed for the 2015-16 school year (August 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016), an increase of 2.8 percent from the 2014-15 school year when 42,507 exemptions were processed. The five college systems below represented 69.9 percent of the total number of exemptions:

- Lone Star College System District (15,004)
- Austin Community College (6,517)
- El Paso Community College District (4,406)
- Houston Community College (3,143)
- Laredo Community College (1,360)

The following table provides the total number of students applying for exemptions by college.

Public Junior/Community College	No. of Exemptions
Alamo Community College District	588
Alvin Community College	94
Amarillo College	1,289
Angelina College	175
Austin Community College	6,517
Blinn College	418
Brazosport College	82
Central Texas College	114
Cisco College	26
Clarendon College	9
Coastal Bend College	28
College of the Mainland Community College District	17

Collin County Community College District	451
Dallas County Community College District	1,186
Del Mar College	63
El Paso Community College District	4,406
Frank Phillips College	18
Galveston College	77
Grayson College	779
Hill College	119
Houston Community College	3,143
Howard County Junior College District	411
Kilgore College	288
Laredo Community College	1,360
Lee College	52
Lone Star College System District	15,004
McLennan Community College	622
Midland College	660
Navarro College	71
North Central Texas College	174
Northeast Texas Community College	123
Odessa College	126
Panola College	40
Paris Junior College	526
Ranger College	13
San Jacinto Community College	324
South Plains College	182
South Texas College	52
Southwest Texas Junior College	19
Tarrant County College District	1,126
Temple College	404

Texarkana College	577
Texas Southmost College	56
Trinity Valley Community College	405
Tyler Junior College	55
Vernon College	6
Victoria College	388
Weatherford College	113
Western Texas College	12
Wharton County Junior College	238
Other	685
Total	43,711

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Immunization Unit