

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND AMENDMENTS**

Date: February 1, 2008

REGULATION TITLES AND NUMBERS: Vaccinations Against Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis B

SUMMARY: To protect the health and safety of students within the State University System, the Board of Governors proposes to establish minimum requirements for vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B, including the provision of detailed information to all students about the risks associated with the diseases and required vaccinations or signed waivers for all new matriculating students beginning July 1, 2008.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION: The full text of the amended regulation is posted on BOG's Website at www.flbog.org. In addition, the full text of the regulation is available upon request to the Office of the Chancellor, which can be contacted at (850) 245-0466.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT/ AMEND/ REPEAL REGULATION: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING ADOPTION/ AMENDMENT/ REPEAL OF REGULATIONS: Dorothy J. Minear, Interim Vice Chancellor, Strategic Initiatives.

COMMENTS REGARDING ADOPTION/ AMENDMENT/ REPEAL OF REGULATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation(s) on which you are commenting.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING ADOPTION/ AMENDMENT/ REPEAL OF REGULATION IS: Vikki R. Shirley, General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System 325 W. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), generalcounsel@flbog.org.

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- (1) To protect the health and safety of students within the State University System, the following minimum requirements for vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B are established.
- (2) The term "parent" means the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian. The term "minor" means a person under the age of 18. For the purposes of this regulation, legally emancipated minor students shall receive the same treatment as students over the age of 18.
- (3) Universities shall provide all students and the parents of minor students with detailed information about meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B and the potential fatal nature of meningococcal meningitis, as well as the risks associated with hepatitis B. This information shall include the availability, effectiveness, and known contraindications of any required or recommended vaccines.
- (4) Effective July 1, 2008, all new matriculating students must provide documentation of vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B or provide a signed waiver for each declined vaccination. All new matriculating students 18 or older who choose not to be vaccinated against either meningococcal meningitis or hepatitis B must sign a statement that they have been made aware of the potential fatal nature of the diseases and choose not to be vaccinated. All new matriculating minor students must provide signed parental consent to opt out of vaccination from either of these diseases.
- (5) Universities shall maintain a record of student vaccinations for meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B.
- (6) Universities shall not be responsible for the costs associated with student vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B.