

Dear Parent(s),

You are receiving this letter in response to numerous telephone calls regarding the meningitis vaccine. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has recommended the meningitis vaccine for all students of the college community. They base their recommendation on college-aged students because they have a greater potential risk of outbreaks than the general population, due to risk factors such as, dormitory living, cigarette smoking, bar patronage and alcohol consumption. This is only recommended, not mandatory. We have had no cases nor do we have any reason to believe that students on our campus are particularly susceptible to this virus. We do, however, know of the concern that many of you have. We are choosing to make available this immunization to protect against this disease.

The vaccine, Menactra , consists of a single dose that will provide immunity .The need for, or timing of , a booster dose ,of Menactra has not yet been determined. The cost of the vaccine is \$95.00 , which is non-refundable.

Catawba College Health Center will administer this vaccine to all students who request it. Please return this letter with your student's name and a \$95.00 check made to: Proctor Student Health Center. All orders **MUST** be received by **July 21, 2010.**

Please discuss this with your student and if interested in this vaccine, please return this letter to:

Proctor Student Health Center  
2300 W. Innes Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

If you have any questions please contact the Health Center at 704-637-4404 between 8:00 am and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Kathi Welborn, RN, Director of Student Health  
Candy Fesperman, RN

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**Please return this form to Proctor Student Health Center**

I do want my student \_\_\_\_\_ to receive  
the Meningitis vaccine. ( \$ 95.00 non-refundable check enclosed )

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_