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MENINGITIS VACCINE WAIVER FORM

Please read the following information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding meningococcal disease and vaccination with Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4):

Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria that infect the bloodstream and the linings of the brain and spinal cord, causing serious illness. Every year in the United States, 1,400 to 2,800 people get meningococcal disease. Ten to 14 percent of people with meningococcal disease die, and 11-19 percent of survivors have permanent disabilities (such as mental retardation, hearing loss, and loss of limbs). The disease often begins with symptoms that can be mistaken for common illnesses, such as the flu. Meningococcal disease is particularly dangerous because it progresses rapidly and can kill within hours.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the CDC recommends routine vaccination of young adolescents with MCV4 at a pre-adolescent visit (11-12 year old). For those who have not previously received MCV4, the CDC recommends vaccination before high school entry (~15 years old) as the most effective strategy towards reducing meningococcal disease incidence in adolescence and young adulthood. Others who wish to decrease their risk of meningococcal disease may elect to receive the vaccine.

College freshman that live in dormitories are at higher risk for meningococcal disease compared to other people of the same age. The risk for meningococcal disease among non-freshmen college students is similar to that for the general population of similar age (18-24 years). However, the vaccines are safe and immunogenic and therefore can be provided to non-freshmen college students who want to reduce their risk for meningococcal disease.

The vaccine is highly effective. However, it does not protect people against meningococcal disease caused by “type B” bacteria. This type of bacteria causes one-third of meningococcal cases.

Students may receive MCV4 vaccination at the Brigham Young University–Hawaii Health Center.

I have read and understand the above information regarding meningococcal disease and vaccination with MCV4. I have also read and understand that I may receive a MCV4 vaccination at the Brigham Young University–Hawaii Health Center. I consider myself warned about the risks of foregoing an MCV4 vaccination.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ ID#: _____