Waiver of Immunization Against Hepatitis B Disease:

Hepatitis B is a serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). HBV infection can affect people of all ages and lead to liver disease. The virus is found in the blood and body fluids of infected people and it is most often spread among adults through sexual contact or by sharing needles and other drug paraphernalia with an infected person. Hepatitis B can be a silent disease, often infecting many people without making them feel sick. Unfortunately, 30 percent of those infected with HBV are not aware that they are carriers and can infect others. Hepatitis B symptoms might include loss of appetite, fatigue, stomachache, nausea and vomiting, yellowing of the whites of the eyes (jaundice), and/or joint pain. Vaccination can help prevent people from contracting hepatitis B. The HBV vaccine is 96 percent effective following a series of three shots over a six-month period. The most common side effect of the vaccine is soreness at the injection site. Vaccine recipients cannot get the disease from the vaccine.

I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I want to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at anytime. I have received and reviewed the information regarding hepatitis B and the availability and effectiveness of the hepatitis B vaccine. I have chosen not to be vaccinated against hepatitis B.

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If student is a minor, signature of parent/guardian Date

Waiver of Immunization Against Meningococcal Disease:

Meningitis is an inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by bacteria called Neisseria meningitidis. The bacteria are transmitted through air-borne droplets of respiratory secretions and by direct contact with infected persons. Although bacterial meningitis occurs rarely and sporadically throughout the year, increased outbreaks occur among college students, especially those who live in residence halls. Early symptoms of meningococcal disease include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rashes, and exhaustion. If not treated early, meningitis can lead to severe and permanent disabilities or even death. A vaccine is available that protects against four strains of the bacteria that cause meningitis in the United States: types A, C, Y, and W-135. These types account for nearly two-thirds of meningitis cases among college students. The vaccine is safe, with mild and infrequent side effects, such as redness and pain at the injection site lasting up to two days. The vaccine is 85 to 100 percent effective.

I have received and reviewed the information regarding meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of the meningococcal vaccine. If in the future I want to be vaccinated with meningococcal vaccine, I can receive the vaccination at anytime. I have chosen not to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

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