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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 61</b> [2003 Assembly Bill 344]	<b>Meningococcal Disease and Hepatitis B Information for College Students</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

Act 61 requires all colleges and universities in Wisconsin, both private and public, to do all of the following:

1. Annually provide to each enrolled student detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and hepatitis B and the availability and effectiveness of vaccines against the diseases. If a student is a minor (less than 18 years of age), the information must be provided to the student's parent or guardian rather than the student.
2. Require each student who lives in a dormitory or residence hall to affirm that he or she has received the information described under 1., above. If a student is a minor, the parent or guardian of the student, rather than the student, must affirm that the student has received the information.
3. Require each student who lives in a dormitory or residence hall to affirm whether he or she has been vaccinated against meningococcal disease or hepatitis B, and to provide the date of the vaccination or vaccinations, if any.
4. Maintain a confidential record of the affirmations and the dates of the vaccinations of each student.

The Act does not require a student to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease or hepatitis B.

The Act specifies that a college or university is not required to provide or pay for vaccinations against meningococcal disease or hepatitis B.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on January 1, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.