Dear RowanSOM Student,

Based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), New Jersey state law requires each new student entering a four-year college or university receive information about meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccine. Details regarding meningococcal disease and the vaccine are provided in the enclosed materials. According to the ACIP, "college freshman, particularly those who live in dormitories, are at modestly increased risk for meningococcal disease relative to other persons their age." Additionally, the ACIP concludes, "the risk for meningococcal disease among non-freshman college students is similar to that for the general population."

RowanSOM students do not fit this profile of "college freshman living in a dormitory," as there is no RowanSOM student housing available on the Stratford Campus. However, it is important for you to read this information and return the "Meningococcal Meningitis Response Form" to your Student Affairs Office.

Student Health Services are provided by Charise Emery, RowanSOM Department of Family Medicine located in the Rowan Medicine Building-Suite 2545. You may stop by or call 856-566-6825 to find out about the availability and cost of the vaccine if you choose to receive it.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lambert, D.O.
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