

denied access to College facilities or campus activities solely on the ground that they have a communicable disease. The College reserves the right to exclude a person with a communicable disease from College facilities, programs and functions if the College makes a medically based determination that the restriction is necessary for the welfare of the person who has the communicable disease and/or the welfare of the other members of the College community. The College's decisions involving persons who have communicable diseases shall be based on current and well-informed medical judgments concerning the disease, the risks of transmitting the illness to others, the symptoms and special circumstances of each individual who has a communicable disease, and a careful weighing of the identified risks and the available alternative for responding to a student with a communicable disease. [See [FFAC \(Local\)](#)]

The College shall comply with all pertinent statutes and regulations that protect the privacy of persons in the College community who have a communicable disease. The College shall ensure that procedural safeguards sufficient to maintain the strictest confidence about persons who have HIV infection are in effect in all offices of the College.

College of the Mainland will work with the local health authority regarding reportable diseases and conditions.

College of the Mainland complies with guidance and directives from local, state, and national public health as well as directives from the State of Texas regarding health protocols.

Meningitis Vaccination Requirement

Effective January 1, 2012, all entering students are required to show evidence of an initial bacterial meningitis vaccine or a booster dose during the five-year period preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of the first semester in which the student initially enrolls at College of the Mainland. There are limited exceptions to this requirement including students who are 22 years of age or older. For more information, visit www.com.edu/admissions/meningitis-vaccinations.html.

Personal Safety Tips

- Register your vehicle with Campus Police.
- Keep your vehicle locked. Don't leave your keys in your car and lock personal property in your trunk.

- Before entering your car, check for possible break-ins. Report it immediately to COM Police Department (COM PD) at 409-933-8599.
- Personal property should never be left unattended. Keep property with you at all times.
- Make a record of personal property, and record serial numbers.
- Promptly report to COM PD all suspicious persons, unusual situations or actions, suspicious questions or dangerous situations.

Medical Emergencies

COM PD is available and should be contacted for medical emergencies. For more serious injuries and conditions, COM PD dispatches medical assistance from the Texas City Fire Department and ambulance.

Student Insurance

The College does not provide District-sponsored insurance coverage for students while enrolled at COM. It is the student's responsibility to carry personal medical insurance. All students are encouraged to carry personal health and/or minor medical insurance.

Tobacco Policy

COM is a tobacco-free institution. No use of any tobacco products or electronic cigarettes is permitted. Smoking is allowed inside private vehicles if it is located in an approved designated parking area. Students are also permitted to smoke if no further than 10 feet from the streets or roads around the campus grounds. Smoking in the back of pickup trucks is permitted but is confined to the bed of the truck and not on the tailgate. Violators will be subject to a citation, disciplinary sanctions or expulsion from campus. Fines for violating the tobacco policy are \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for the second offense. A third offense will result in a referral to the College president, or designee, for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the campus.

Note: Citation doubles after 10 business days.