New Law Requires Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination

The 82nd Texas Legislature approved Senate Bill 1107, which requires all new North Central Texas College students under the age of 30 to submit evidence of being immunized against meningococcal meningitis.

Beginning January 2012, the meningitis vaccination (MV) requirement applies to the following:

- All first-time freshmen
- All new transfer students
- All returning students who have experienced a break in NCTC enrollment of at least one Fall or Spring semester
- All new dual credit students enrolled in a course being taught on an NCTC campus

Contact NCTC Residential Life for additional requirements needed for students residing in the dorms.

The meningitis vaccination record must be submitted to NCTC's Admissions Office before being cleared to register for classes. Meningitis vaccinations must be administered within the five-year period immediately preceding, and at least 10 days prior to the first semester enrolled or re-enrolled at NCTC.

One of the following must be faxed, mailed, or submitted to the Admissions Office before being cleared to register:

- Certification from a physician or clinic that the student has been vaccinated during the five-year period immediately preceding, and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class.
- An immunization record from a state or local health authority or an official record received from school officials (must be within 5 yrs.).
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Certifications and/or records need to include the following:

- The month, day, and year the vaccination was administered, including a record from another state.
- The signature or stamp of the physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel.

Contact admissions@nctc.edu or

visit nctc.edu for additional information.