IMPORTANT NOTE: Students will neither be permitted to register for classes nor to attend said classes until this form and the accompanying documentation has been received (please refer to deadlines in Section D below). Texas Education Code, Section 51.9192, requires first-time students of Texas institutions of higher education, including transfer students, as well as current students returning from a break, to show evidence of immunization for meningococcal (bacterial) meningitis within the past five (5) years and at least ten (10) days before the start of the semester.

SECTION 1: To be completed by ALL INCOMING STUDENTS

Date: ___________________________  Student ID # _____________________________

Name: (Last) _______________________________ (First) __________________________ (Middle) ____________________________

Student Status: (Check one) ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ International

Birth date: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____/_____/

Address: __________________________________________ Phone: __________________________________________ (cell/home/work)

Email: __________________________________________ Parent/Guardian email: __________________________________________

Parental Representative Permit (FOR STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18): I agree to provide on behalf of my son/daughter all required documentation and information concerning his/her vaccination with the meningococcal meningitis vaccine.

Printed Name: __________________________________________

Signed _____________________________  Date _____________________________

☐ I have received the meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 5 years (must provide documentation). Date received: _____/___/____

Supporting Documentation (Check all applicable boxes.)

☐ I have included a statement from a physician, or other health care provider, authorized by law to administer the required vaccine.

☐ I have included my official immunization record issued by a state or local authority.

☐ I have included my official record from a Texas school official or a school official in another state.

Student Signature: X  Date: _____________________________

SECTION 2: Meningitis Immunization Waiver Status. (Please print legibly in blue or black ink)

☐ I _____________________________ (Signature) have not received the meningitis immunization.

After reviewing the information presented on the reverse side of this form about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine, I have chosen not to submit evidence of receiving the vaccination under the following circumstance: (Check all applicable boxes.)

☐ In the opinion of a physician the vaccination required would be injurious to my health and well-being. Therefore an affidavit or certificate signed by a physician duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the U.S. is included with this form. The affidavit or certificate includes the physician’s name, address, the state where licensed and license number.

☐ I have declined the vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reason of conscience, including religious belief. Therefore a signed affidavit/waiver stating that I have declined for reason of conscience is included with this form. Requests for a required affidavit must be obtained from the Texas Department of State Health Services https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/default.aspx.

SECTION 3: Deadline for this completed form and accompanying documentation to be received by CBS


TEXAS STATE MENINGITIS REGULATION (Texas Education Code, Section 51.9192)
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

What is meningococcal disease?
Meningococcal disease is a severe bacterial infection of the bloodstream or meninges (a thin lining covering the brain and spinal chord).

Who gets meningococcal disease?
Anyone can get meningococcal disease, but it is more common in infants and children. For some college students, such as freshmen living in dormitories, there is increased risk of meningococcal disease. Between 100 and 125 cases of meningococcal disease occur on college campuses every year in the United States; between 5 and 15 college students die each year as a result of the infection. Currently, no data are available regarding whether children at overnight camps or residential schools are at the same increased risk for disease. However, these children can be in settings similar to college freshmen living in dormitories. Other persons at increased risk include household contacts of a person known to have had the disease, and people traveling to parts of the world where meningitis is prevalent.

How is the germ meningococcus spread?
The meningococcus germ is spread by direct close contact with nose or throat discharges of an infected person. Many people carry this particular germ in their nose and throat without any signs of illness, while others develop serious symptoms.

What are the symptoms?
High fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck and a rash are symptoms of meningococcal disease. Among people who develop meningococcal disease, 10-15% die, in spite of treatment with antibiotics. Of those who live, permanent brain damage, hearing loss, kidney failure, loss of arms or legs, or chronic nervous system problems can occur.

How soon do the symptoms appear?
The symptoms may appear two to 10 days after exposure, but usually within five days.

What is the treatment for meningococcal disease?
Antibiotics, such as penicillin G or ceftriaxone, can be used to treat people with meningococcal disease.

Is there a vaccine to prevent meningococcal meningitis?
Yes, a safe and effective vaccine is available. The vaccine is 85% to 100% effective in preventing four kinds of bacteria (serogroups A, C, Y, W-135) that cause about 70% of the disease in the United States. The vaccine is safe, with mild and infrequent side effects, such as redness and pain at the injection site lasting up to 2 days. After vaccination, immunity develops within 7 to 10 days and remains effective for approximately 3 to 5 years. As with any vaccine, vaccination against meningitis may not protect 100% of all susceptible individuals.

How do I get more information about meningococcal disease and vaccination?
Contact your family physician or your student health service. Additional information is also available on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/mening.html.

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