Thank you for your interest in the residence halls at Neosho County Community College. We are excited about the upcoming school year and hope you are as well!

The following items are enclosed in this packet:

- 2016-2017 Housing and Food Service Contract
- Housing Information Sheet
- Personal Information Sheet
- Health Form Overview
- Student Health Form
- Immunization Form
- Meningitis (Meningococcal) Form
- Meningococcal Information

The following forms should be completed and returned to the NCCC Residence Life Department by **July 1**.

**No housing assignments will be made until all forms are completed and returned.**

- Personal Information Sheet
- Student Health Form
- Immunization Form
- Meningitis Form
- Copy of immunization record (if applicable)

The following forms should be completed and returned to the NCCC Cashier by **July 1**.

- 2016-2017 Signed NCCC Housing and Food Service Contract
- $125 Non-refundable application fee

Forms may be returned in the following ways:

Via mail:
Neosho County Community College
800 W 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720
Via Fax: (620) 431-0082
Via E-mail: housing@neosho.edu

In mid to late July you will receive an e-mail to your student e-mail address and a letter sent in the mail informing you of your room assignment and your roommate(s)’s and suitemates’ (if applicable) names and contact information. All updates regarding forms received will be emailed to the student. **Move-In Day begins at 9:00am on August 20, 2016.**

**If your housing packet is not completed by August 1 you will not receive your room assignment or roommate information until Move-In Day.**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at housing@neosho.edu.
Housing Information

In order to reserve your spot in on-campus housing, all forms must be returned to the NCCC Residence Life Office by **July 1**.

- 2016-2017 Signed NCCC Housing and Food Service Contract
- Personal Information Sheet – this helps us place you with a roommate with similar preferences
- Completed Student Health Form
- Completed Immunization Form
- Completed Meningitis Form
- Copy of immunization record (if applicable)
  - We require documentation that students have received two doses of the MMR vaccination on or after their first birthday. If no documentation can be provided, the student must receive the vaccination at their own expense. All returning residents must check with Melissa Smith via msmith@neosho.edu to verify immunizations are already on file.
  - If students check any applicable statements in the Tuberculosis section, they must provide documentation of a negative TB skin test within the last year, a negative chest x-ray for active TB in the last year, or records of a treatment regimen taken for TB. **International Students may opt to be tested on campus after they arrive.**
  - All students must either have received the Meningococcal Vaccine or sign the waiver refusing the immunization. The vaccination is not required but it is recommended.
- $125 non-refundable application fee – this covers administrative fees as well as background checks conducted on all on-campus residents.

Please read the Housing and Food Service contract carefully before signing. This is a legal document, and once signed you are bound by its content.

Residence Hall Information:

In each **NeoKan** room:
- Rooms are approximately 10’ x 13’ & window size is 4’ x 4’
- Most rooms house two students, but three-person rooms and four-person rooms are available as well. Single rooms are available at an additional cost, but they are limited and depend on occupancy. More information can be found in the housing contract.
- Furniture provided for each student: one extra-long twin bed, one desk, one desk chair, one dresser, and an open closet area for roommates to share
- Each hallway shares a bathroom which includes toilets, showers, and sinks. These bathrooms are cleaned by housekeepers daily.
- NeoKan hallways are key-card access only. Only students living in the hallway have access to it.

In each **Bideau** room:
- Rooms are approximately 16’ x 16’ & window size is 4’ x 4’
- Most rooms house two students, four-person suites, but three-person rooms are available as well, and form five-person and six-person suites.
- Furniture provided for each student: one extra-long twin bed, one desk, one desk chair, one dresser
- Shared areas: one open closet area and a vanity area including a sink and counter space for roommates to share and one shower and one toilet for suitmates to share (**residents are responsible for providing their own shower curtain and toiletry items such as toilet paper and bathroom cleaning supplies**)

Additional information can be found on our website at [www.neosho.edu/departments/housing](http://www.neosho.edu/departments/housing)
See back page for information on what you should and should not bring.
The undersigned has read and agrees to accept the terms of this contract and the enclosed material, front and back and to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations of NCCC including, but not limited to, those stated in the NCCC Student and Resident Handbooks, incorporated herein by reference and available upon request and upon arrival to college housing. The student acknowledges and agrees that the said policies, rules, and regulations may be modified at any time and changes shall be in force and in effect on the date such change is posted by the Director of Residence and Student Life. This agreement is the personal obligation of the student and shall become legally binding upon the signing date. All terms and conditions will be fully enforced. Please read all before signing. IMPORTANT: This is a legally binding document. I have read and understand this contract including the terms and conditions on all sides and agree to the provisions therein. A parent or legal guardian must also sign if student is under 18 years of age at the date of signing. I consent to and authorize a criminal background check. I agree, upon request, to submit to fingerprinting for such purpose. NCCC may also request copies of official documentation of completion of diversion agreements, etc.

This contract is the basic agreement that must be signed by any student wishing to contract for living quarters, meals, and services in the Neosho County Community College residence halls. A non-refundable housing application fee of $125 must be submitted with a completed signature page for this contract to be valid. The $125 fee is an annual fee to be paid each year with the student’s housing contract. The signer is obligated to pay the full amount of fees and charges as set forth herein for both the fall and spring semesters upon receipt and acceptance of this contract by NCCC. I understand that NCCC reserves the right to use the information I have provided to obtain a background check prior to me checking in to college housing.

Contract Period

The residence halls will observe the following schedule: Dates are subject to change with notification to the student. Students will be notified of move-in and check-out dates as well as any holidays when the residence halls will be closed. Students must have written permission to stay in college housing when it is closed. No food service is available on campus when college housing is closed. If there are extenuating circumstances in which you are requesting to stay on campus, you must seek approval at least two weeks in advance of the check-out time. The cost for residence during periods when college housing is closed is $20 (plus the current daily food service cost) per day. Students who come back early or leave late without approval will be charged $75 per day.

Required Health Forms

All residents are required to provide:
- Student Health Form-General health information, emergency contact card, health insurance information
- Documentation of two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Meningococcal Vaccine or sign a waiver that you have read the information and refuse to get the immunization.

It is the student’s responsibility to notify NCCC of any and all medical circumstances which will require the institutions specific attention.

Room and Board

A. Cost: The student agrees to pay Neosho County Community College $6,000 ($3,000 per semester) for residence in college housing and 19 meals per week. The contract provides three meals daily Monday through Friday. Two meals are served daily on Saturday and Sunday and on days where there are no classes or if the college is closed. Students residing in college housing are required to purchase the meal plan unless they have signed a NCCC Short Term Housing Contract. Fees may be changed at the discretion of the NCCC Board of Trustees. The students shall be notified of any change in fees by mail on or before July 30.

B. Assignments: Residence hall room assignments are made on a first come, first serve basis. Residence hall room assignments are based on available space according to the date of the receipt of this contract and the application fee by the Residence & Student Life Office. This contract is for living quarters in the residence halls, not for a particular hall or room. The Residence & Student Life Office retains the right to assign rooms based on space available and to make room adjustments as needed during the year. I agree to allow NCCC to release my contact information to my assigned roommate(s). Residence hall room assignments are first provided to students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours. The college reserves the right to assign or reassign rooms in order to attain optimum occupancy or accommodate the occupants. In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1972 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, NCCC provides necessary services for students with disabilities. The college will provide reasonable accommodations for students with documented physical, mental, emotional, and learning disability limitations. Students with a disability which requires special consideration in housing accommodations must identify the needs and work with the Dean of Student Services prior to entering this contract.

C. Single Rooms: Single rooms are available, as space allows at the rate of $7,500 ($3,750 per semester).
Payment
NCCC offers two payment options to students: payment in full due by July 25 for the fall semester or January 5 for the spring semester OR participation in the online installment payment plan. To enroll in the payment plan, log into your Inside NC account, click on the Student Tab, click on Business Office and select My Account info. In My Account info, click on Set up Payment Plan and click on e-cashier Payment Plan. Follow the step-by-step instructions on the Nelnet e-cashier window. There is an additional $35 per semester fee to participate in the payment plan. A $30 returned check fee will be assessed for any returned checks.

NCCC administrators and staff are available to assist students with financial needs or special circumstances. Although there are no guarantees, there are many channels that a student may work through in order to find financial assistance. Contact us if there are special financial needs that prohibit you from attending college or living in college housing.

Housing Cancellation/Damages
1. The student may cancel this contract only if:
   - The student delivers written notice to NCCC to cancel this contract on or before move-in for the fall semester; or
   - Housing space is not available; or
   - This contract is not accepted by NCCC.
2. The student may cancel this contract for the spring semester if the student delivers written notice of cancellation to the Director of Residence and Student Life on or before December 12 and the student does not enroll at NCCC for the spring semester.
3. This contract is for both room and board and is binding for the entire 2016-2017 school year. There is a $400 liquidated damages assessment in addition to fees and charges due pursuant to this Residence Hall Housing Contract in the event the student vacates college housing early and fails to pay all fees and charges due hereunder for the Fall and Spring semesters, AND has not cancelled this contract pursuant to #1 or #2 above. Youth for Understanding (YFU) students staying for less than one academic year are specifically excluded.

Neosho County Community College Official Policies and Regulations for College Housing
- Only an enrolled student may occupy a room in college housing. Unmarried students, under 21 years of age, enrolled full-time or part-time, and not living with parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are required to live in college housing when space is available. Unmarried students, under 21 years of age, with dependents who live with them, are not required to live in college housing.
- Acts contrary to federal, state, or local laws and college regulations, such as, but not limited to felonies, sex offenses, theft, and disruptions constitute violations of college housing rules. All animals (except service animals for the disabled) are prohibited. Residents and students must abide by all college housing rules and regulations as stated in the Student and Resident Handbook. The Director of Residence and Student Life, the Coordinator of Residence and Student Life, and the Dean of Student Services may enact any action necessary to ensure the proper safety and maintenance of residence halls and student life.
- All students must officially check in with a member of the designated staff upon initial occupancy. A student withdrawing from school, terminating the housing contract or having been removed from college housing for disciplinary reasons must officially check out within 24 hours of withdrawal, termination, or removal following check-out procedures and with the assistance of a NCCC designated staff: The Director of Residence and Student Life, the Coordinator of Residence and Student Life, and/or the Resident Assistants. Students may be assessed additional damage charges if damages are incurred.
- Students may be asked to show proper college identification at any time to college security officers and/or staff and must comply with security rules concerning secured entrances at designated hours for college housing. Visiting hours will be posted in the Student and Resident Handbook and communicated to students each semester.
- Although the college uses reasonable means to protect student property, the college can assume no liability for loss, theft, or damage to property belonging to residents.
- Common decency and decorum are expected of college housing residents, visitors, and guests. Adequate dress is required in public areas and hallways at all times. Recognition of the personal property rights of others is expected of residence hall occupants, visitors, and guests. Interference with the rights of other occupants in the use of their rooms constitutes a violation of college housing rules. Unauthorized defacing or permanently altering college housing facilities is prohibited.
- Housekeeping and maintenance services are provided daily in the public areas in each residence hall. Residents are expected not to litter corridors, other public areas, and grounds. Residents are responsible for the daily upkeep of their assigned room and shared bathroom. Residence hall furnishings are to remain in rooms as assigned and not to be relocated.
- The College reserves the right for authorized personnel to enter a student's room for any purpose in connection with health and safety concerns or due to an issue related to college, local, state, and/or federal regulations.

Violations of College Housing Policy and Regulations
Violations of the above policies and those outlined in the Student and Resident Handbook by residents, visitors, or guests will result in disciplinary actions, revocation of future guest privileges, and/or removal from college housing. If a student is removed from college housing for disciplinary reasons or failure to pay fees, then that student will be held liable for payment of the terms of the contract. Residents, visitors, and guests will be held liable for all charges incurred through the damage of college housing facilities.

The failure of the college to insist upon a strict performance of any term or condition of this contract or to exercise any right conferred by this contract will not be considered a relinquishment of the right to do so. If any section or subsection of this contract becomes invalid, this will not affect the validity of the remainder of the contract.

Neosho County Community College affords equal opportunity to and does not discriminate against students, employees, and applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, marital status, genetic information, status as a veteran, political affiliation, or other factors that cannot be lawfully considered in its programs and activities, including admissions and employment, to the extent and as required by all applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, The Americans With Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008, The Age Discrimination In Employment Act of 1967, Title II of the Genetic Information Act of 2008, Kansas Acts Against Discrimination, Section 188 of the Workforce Investment Act, and any amendments to such laws and regulations. The following offices have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Non-Discrimination and to coordinate implementation of this policy. They may be contacted to initiate an investigation under the policy or to answer questions regarding this policy.
Name: _____________________________  Preferred Name: _____________________________  Gender (circle one): M  F

Home Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Cell Number: ____________________________  Date of Birth: ____________________________

Team/Activity/Major: ____________________________

Roommate Preference (Must be a mutual request to be considered):
First Choice: __________________________________
Second Choice: ________________________________
Third Choice: ________________________________

Building Preference (circle one): Bideau  NeoKan

Do you need any special accommodations? ___________________________________________________

Rate yourself on the following statements, please circle what best describes you:

What temperature do you prefer to keep your room?

Warm  1  2  3  4  5  Cold

Residence Hall rooms are relatively small, so this may be more important than you think. Be honest in your rating, think about your bedroom at home. How much do you prefer things to be organized & neat?

Orderly  1  2  3  4  5  Disorderly

Think about the class schedule you are hoping for, your work hours, time you like to study, extracurricular activities, amount of sleep you need to function. How would you classify yourself?

Early Riser  1  2  3  4  5  Night Owl

Imagine this: You keep your room door open 24-7, you have friends drop by constantly, and you sit in the hallway chatting until 2 a.m. Does this scenario make you anxious, or can you hardly wait?

Shy  1  2  3  4  5  Outgoing

Alcohol is not permitted in the Residence Halls; however, it does seem to play a big part in college life whether you choose to drink or not.

High Acceptance of Alcohol Use  1  2  3  4  5  Low/No Acceptance of Alcohol Use

Although smoking & tobacco use are not allowed in campus buildings, including the residence halls, it can affect your living situation if you are a smoker (or tobacco user) or you live with one (smell on clothes, etc.)

Do you smoke? _______Yes _______No

Do you use chewing tobacco? _______Yes _______No

High Acceptance of Tobacco Use  1  2  3  4  5  Low/No Acceptance of Tobacco Use

What is the number one quality you most desire in a roommate? __________________________

(funny, friendly, respectful, responsible, open-minded, organized, religious, studious, social, happy, free-spirited, tidy)

How would your friends describe you in three words? ________________________________________

Are there characteristics that would be difficult to tolerate in a roommate? ________________________________
**Things to Bring**

- Bedding (extra-long twin sheets **required**), blankets, and pillows
- Toiletry Items (see front page for building specific information)
- Towels
- Laundry detergent/dryer sheets/hamper
- Trash bags (trash cans provided)
- Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, broom, mop, etc.)
- Curtains and curtain rod
- Closet or plastic drawer organizers
- Shower caddy
- Plates, mugs, cups, silverware, etc.
- Wall/Room decorations (rugs, posters, photos, etc.) We recommend 3M Command strips and adhesive putty
- Mini refrigerator/Microwave/single cup coffee makers
- Television/Gaming Systems
- Power Strips
- Air fresheners (room spray, wax warmers [like Scentsy wickless candles] are allowed)

**Things Not to Bring**

- Cooking Appliances (including toasters, toaster ovens, crockpots, rice cookers, griddles, grills, etc.)
- Air-soft guns (including pellet guns, Nerf guns, paintball guns, etc.)
- Alcohol and any items promoting alcohol (signs, shot glasses, etc.)
- Electric blankets
- Explosives (including fireworks)
- Extension cords (power strips ARE permitted)
- Halogen lamps
- Hot plates or candle warmers
- Illegal or non-prescribed drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Tobacco Products (including e-cigarettes)
- Pets (including fish)
- Portable A/C and space heaters
- Volatile substances of any kind
- Weapons (guns, ammunition, knives, bow & arrows, etc.)

If you have any questions about what items are allowed or prohibited please contact the Residence Life Staff at housing@neosho.edu.
Neosho County Community College
Student Health Form

The information on this form is a confidential health record and will be kept in the Residence Life Office. This information will be used to provide healthcare to the student in the event of an emergency.

**Students who do not complete and turn in this form will not receive their housing assignment and will have a hold placed on their account and will not be allowed to enroll for their second semester at NCCC until all forms are completed.**

**Personal Information:**
Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: _______________ Student ID#: ___________________ (Print-Last/First/MI)
Home Address: _____________________ ___________________________ (Street Address) (City/State/Zip) Sex: M F

**Personal Medical Information (Please mark N/A if not applicable):**
Please list any known allergies:

Medications currently taking: (including prescription, birth control, over the counter, herbal)

Chronic Health Conditions? Please Circle all that apply: (ADHD, Anemia, Seizure Disorder, Depression, Diabetes, Disability/handicap, Hearing Loss, Eye Disease, Heart Disease, High Blood Pressure, Stomach problems, Sickle Cell Anemia, Sinus Problems, Skin Problems) Other:

Hospitalizations/Surgeries (You felt would be important to know when dispensing healthcare)

**Emergency Contact Information:**
Person to notify in case of an emergency: ___________________________ Relationship ___________________________
Telephone number: Primary (_______) ____________________ Secondary (_______) _______________________
Alternate Person: ___________________________ Relationship ___________________________
Telephone number: Primary (_______) ____________________ Secondary (_______) _______________________

**Insurance Information:**
You may attach a photocopy of your insurance card to this form or fill out the following information.
Name of Health Insurance Company: ___________________________ Policy # ___________________________
Owner of Policy (Name of Main Insurer) ___________________________ Name address and telephone number to file claim ___________________________

I have reviewed the information and verify to the best of my knowledge it is true and accurate. I give authorization to administer medical services, procedures, and/or immunizations as deemed necessary. I also authorize NCCC to contact the individual(s) listed in my "Emergency Contact Information" in the event of a health-related emergency.

_________________________________________ ___________________________
Signature of Student Date

_________________________________________ ___________________________
Signature of Parent (if under 18) Date
**Neosho County Community College Immunization Form**

Neosho County Community College requires all students living on campus to present documentation showing immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella and demonstrate a negative history for active tuberculosis.

*Students who do not complete and turn in this form will not receive their housing assignment and will have a hold placed on their account and will not be allowed to enroll for their second semester at NCCC until all forms are completed.*

### REQUIRED Measles/Mumps/Rubella Policy

Students born on or after January 1, 1957 **must** comply with the MMR immunization policy, which requires **two (2)** vaccines against measles. Documentation showing proof of vaccination is required.

Please provide **one** of the following as proof of immunization:

- Copies of personal immunization records or baby book records
- Copies of physician office or Health Department immunization records
- Copies of high school or previous college immunization records
- Copies of medical records from personal health provider or hospital
- Copy of Rubella titer (measles)
- The following record completed and signed by health care provider.

**MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella): Please include the month/date/year below.**

- **Dose 1:** ____________ (The first measles vaccine or combination measles/mumps/rubella vaccine must have been given at age 12 months or later.)

- **Dose 2:** ____________ (The second dose must be given as measles/mumps/rubella at least one month after the first dose.)

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NAME**
_______________________________________________________________

**ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**
_______________________________________________________________

**SIGNATURE**
______________________________________________________________

### REQUIRED Tuberculosis Policy

Please read each of the following statements and check all that apply:

- **_____** I am from or have visited Asia, Africa, Mexico, Central or South America or Eastern Europe. (These are countries or regions where TB is endemic)
- **_____** I have been diagnosed with a chronic medical condition that may impair my immune status.
- **_____** I am or have been a health care worker.
- **_____** I have been a volunteer or an employee of a nursing home, prison, homeless shelter, AIDS facility or other residential institutions.
- **_____** Someone in my family or with whom I have close contact has or had active TB.
- **_____** I have one or more of the following symptoms:
  - Chronic cough
  - Unexplained weight loss
  - Spitting or coughing blood
  - Loss of appetite
  - Extreme weakness
  - Night sweats
- **_____** I have had a **positive TB skin test** (You must provide documentation of a negative chest x-ray taken in the past year AND/OR documentation of acceptable treatment regimen taken for latent TB (include length of treatment, dates and medications taken).

- **_____** I have had active TB (You must provide documentation of a negative chest x-ray taken on the past year OR documentation of acceptable treatment regimen taken for active disease (include length of treatment, dates and medication taken).

**If you did not check any of the statements, please check here** ____________.

**If you checked yes to any of the statements, you must provide documentation of one of the following:**

- Negative TB skin test in the last year (attach copy)
- Chest x-ray negative for active TB in the past year (attach copy)
- Records of treatment regimen taken for TB provided (attach copy)
Neosho County Community College
Meningitis Form

Neosho County Community College requires all students living on campus to present documentation of immunization or sign a waiver after reviewing the information provided indicating that the vaccine has been declined.

*Students who do not complete and turn in this form will not receive their housing assignment and will have a hold placed on their account and will not be allowed to enroll for their second semester at NCCC until all forms are completed.*

**VERIFICATION OF VACCINATION**

Printed Name: ___________________________  Date of Birth: __________

Student ID or Social Security Number: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Student Signature: ___________________________  Date: __________

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years of age): ___________________________  Date: __________

I have received the meningococcal vaccine on ___________________________ (Date).

Name of Provider (or attached copy of meningococcal vaccine verification): ___________________________

Provider Phone Number: ___________________________

Address of Provider: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________  State: __________  Zip: __________

Signature of Provider (or attached copy of meningococcal vaccine verification): ___________________________  Date: __________

**WAIVER OF VACCINATION**

I have received and reviewed the information provided on the risks of meningococcal disease and the risks and benefits of meningococcal vaccine. After reviewing the materials above on the dangers of meningococcal disease, I choose to waive receipt of meningococcal vaccine.

Printed Name: ___________________________  Date of Birth: __________

Student ID or Social Security Number: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Student Signature: ___________________________  Date: __________

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if student is under 18 years of age): ___________________________  Date: __________
Meningitis Health Information Facts

Students residing in Neosho County Community College campus housing are required (by Kansas law) to receive the meningitis vaccination. The student must either provide written documentation of immunization or sign a waiver after reviewing the information provided that informs of the dangers of meningococcal disease and indicates that the vaccine has been declined. If a student is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must be given a copy of this document and must sign the waiver as well. We recommend that you obtain the vaccine from your health care provider before arriving on campus.

Non-compliant students will be placed on administrative hold following the first week of classes and remain on administrative hold until the compliance is documented with the Residence Life Office in the Student Union. Students will be unable to enroll for the following semester until the hold is released.

What is meningococcal meningitis?
Meningococcal meningitis is a severe bacterial infection of the bloodstream and meninges (a thin lining covering the brain and spinal cord). It is a relatively rare disease and usually occurs as a single isolated event.

How is the germ that causes this type of meningitis spread?
The meningococcus germ is spread by direct close contact (kissing, sneezing, coughing, sharing water bottles) with the nose or throat discharges of an infected person. Many people may carry this particular germ in their nose and throat without any signs of illness.

Who gets meningococcal meningitis?
Anyone can get meningococcal meningitis, but it is more common in infants, children, and young adults. College freshmen who live in student housing have a slightly higher risk of getting this infection than others their age.

What are the symptoms?
Most individuals exposed to the meningococcus germ do not become seriously ill, some may develop a fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck and rash. One–fourth of those who recover may have permanent damage to the nervous system. The disease occasionally causes death.

How soon do the symptoms appear?
After exposure, the symptoms will appear within two to ten days, but generally within five days.

When and for how long is an infected person able to spread the disease?
From the time a person is first infected until the germ is no longer present in nose and throat discharge the disease may be transmitted. The duration varies according to individuals and treatment course followed.

What is the treatment for meningococcal meningitis?
Penicillin is the drug of choice for treatment, although other antibiotics are very effective in eliminating the germ from the nose and mouth.

Should people who have been in contact with a diagnosed case of meningococcal meningitis be treated?
Only people who have been in close contact (household members, intimate contacts, etc) need to be considered for preventive treatment. Casual contact as might occur in a regular classroom or office setting is not usually significant enough to cause concern. People who think they have been exposed to meningococcal infection should contact the local health department to discuss whether treatment is advised.

Is there a vaccine to prevent meningococcal meningitis?
Presently, there are two vaccines that will protect against several of the strains of the meningococcal germ.

Is the meningococcal vaccine safe?
Vaccines, like any medicine, are capable of causing problems such as allergic reactions. The risks associated with receiving the vaccine are much less significant than the risks that are associated with the disease. Some individuals may experience mild side effects which include redness or pain at vaccine site, warm to touch, and mild fever.

Where can a student get vaccinated?
You are encouraged to consult your current healthcare provider for the vaccine.

Where can more information be obtained?
- Healthcare provider
- Local Health departments
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC): [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/ meningococcal_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/ meningococcal_g.htm)