IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

During the last legislative session, Texas House Bill 4189 was passed and signed into law by Governor Rick Perry. HB 4189 requires that any incoming new student who lives on campus must either receive a vaccination against bacterial meningitis or meet certain criteria declining such a vaccination before they can live on campus.

WHO DOES THIS APPLY TO?

Any student who enrolls at Howard College after January 1, 2010, who lives on campus.

10 DAY WAITING PERIOD

As contained within the provisions of HB 4189, a student who receives the Bacterial Meningitis vaccination may not move into the residence hall until at least 10 days after receiving the vaccination.

WHAT IF I CANNOT RECEIVE THE VACCINATION PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER?

According to HB 4189, no incoming student may live on campus unless they have had the vaccination at least 10 days prior to living on campus. (August 10).

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO GET THE VACCINATION?

Exceptions to this requirement must be documented on a conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of Health Services. Information concerning an exemption form request can be obtained here under the heading of “Exclusions from Immunization Requirements.”

WHERE DO I SEND MY PROOF OF VACCINATION?

Howard College STUDENT HOUSING
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR DATE OF BIRTH ON ALL DOCUMENTATION!

CAN I BRING MY VACCINATION FORM ON MOVE IN DAY?

NO, all forms related to your Bacterial Meningitis vaccination status must be received in the Student Housing Department at least 3 working days before move-in day, so that records can be updated. For more information about Bacterial Meningitis, please contact your local or regional Texas Department of Health office.

REMEMBER THESE DATES:

August 10 – Last day to receive vaccination to be eligible to move into residence hall on move in day, August 21.

August 17 – Last day for proof of vaccination to be received by Student Housing Department to be eligible to move into residence hall on move in day, August 21. STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION ON MOVE-IN DAY.