**Meningitis Immunization Exemption Under Senate Bill 1107**

Texas Senate Bill 1107 requires all newly enrolling or newly enrolling students who have had a fall or a spring break in enrollment, into institutions of higher education starting in January 2012, to provide proof of current Meningitis vaccination. Current is defined as within the last 5 years. This law affects private and public institutions.

Under SB 1107, if you are over the age of 30 or if you are a 100% online student, you may elect to exempt yourself from this vaccination. If you qualify and seek either of the above exemptions, the UT Health Science Center requires you to complete and sign this exemption request form after reviewing the provided meningitis printed information referenced on the prior web page as “Important Information about Bacterial Meningitis” and/or viewing a twenty-five minute video available at http://www.nmaus.org/programs/education initiative/. In addition to the above specific exemptions, requests for exemptions based on medical or conscientious objection may also be submitted. For these exemptions please obtain a form issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Written or visual Meningitis information will include:

* The symptoms and consequences of the disease
* How the disease is transmitted
* The available treatments for the disease
* The availability, effectiveness, and possible risks/side effects of the disease
* Sources of additional information regarding the disease

If you have questions regarding the information, please consult with the Student Health Center which is located on the Long Campus, in the School of Nursing building, Room 1.422. Phone: 210-567-9355.

If you still want to request an exemption provided specifically by SB 1107, after reviewing the meningitis information and/or consulting with a health professional, please complete the below information :

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Program:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Reason:** (check one) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Over 30** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Classes 100% Online**

The meningitis vaccine **may** be available through the following providers: Local Health Department, your primary care physician, HEB, Walgreens, and other convenient care locations. Prices vary at locations. Call to confirm. If you are seeking one of the exemptions noted above, you will not be able to register for Spring 2012, until this form is complete and on file in the Student Health Center.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this form to:**

**National EMS Academy locations at:**

**550 Interstate 10 South #200, Beaumont, TX 77707**

**4100 Ed Bluestein Blvd #100, Austin, TX 78721**