NWACC Responds to Meningitis Case

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (November 19, 2012) – Officials at NorthWest Arkansas Community College were contacted today by the Benton and Washington County Health Departments about a student who had contracted a Meningococcal Infection (meningitis). We are saddened to have learned that the student passed away yesterday evening, November 18th.

School officials are in the process of identifying and contacting those individuals who may have come into close contact with the student.

As a matter of prevention and cooperation, all students, faculty, and staff members were notified this afternoon and were asked to take precautionary measures and to seek medical attention if they are experiencing serious flu-like symptoms, which are defined by the Arkansas Department of Health as “fever, intense headache, irritability or listlessness, vomiting and rash.”

College officials are also in the process of disinfecting high-traffic areas and those known to have been visited by the student.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the student, their family, and friends during this difficult time.

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