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Dear Student,

We look forward to welcoming you to the NEC student community and helping to insure your musical and academic success. Your physical and emotional health is of the utmost importance and we can provide you with the tools you need to stay healthy. We invite students with existing medical problems to contact the health services upon arrival to school to insure effective and comprehensive management of problems before they arise.

NEC's Health and Counseling Service provides a full range of health services on site, by healthcare providers from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and include:

- Routine physical examinations and screening tests;
- Education that focuses on risk reduction and health promoting behaviors;
- Urgent visits for management and treatment of episodic illness and injury;
- Routine visits for the management and treatment of chronic disease or ongoing health problems;
- Patient Advocacy, which includes coordination of care with specialists and health care institutions, ongoing assessment of that care, and expediting the referral process for timely and appropriate evaluation of illness or injury;
- Psychiatry and counseling services provided by a team made up of psychologists, social workers, counseling interns, and a psychiatrist.

We have enclosed the 2011-2012 Health Report for your review and completion. The confidential information that you provide will allow us to assist you with your health care needs. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires documentation of certain immunizations or proof of immunity to certain illnesses (see page 3 of the health report) for all full-time students entering college in Massachusetts, regardless of age or degree status. These immunizations help to insure a healthy campus and your documentation (on official letterhead) can be obtained from your health care provider, high school, previous undergraduate program, or through the military service, and attached to the form.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also requires that all students carry health insurance that covers hospitalization, surgical expenses, emergency care, and specialty care while studying in Boston. You will be receiving more information about Student Health Insurance options from the business office in July.

Please return your completed Health Report to NEC Health and Counseling Services by June 1, 2011. Incomplete or missing Health Reports will result in a **\$100 fine**, a delay in registration, and a fee for immunizations administered at the Health Center.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We can be reached at 617-585-1284. Please check our website prior to coming to school for self-care kit suggestions at <http://necmusic.edu/student-life/health-services>.

Best wishes for a healthy spring and summer -- we'll see you in the fall.

Sincerely,
Health and Counseling Services Staff