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To Oregon Immunization Partners:

Since January 2015, there has been an outbreak of serogroup B *Neisseria meningitidis* infection associated with the University of Oregon; to date, seven cases have been reported, one of which was fatal.

On February 26, 2015, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that a serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine series be administered to persons aged ≥ 10 years at increased risk for meningococcal disease. This includes:

- Persons with persistent complement component deficiencies.*
- Persons with anatomic or functional asplenia.†
- Microbiologists routinely exposed to isolates of *Neisseria meningitidis*.
- Persons identified to be at increased risk because of a serogroup B meningococcal disease outbreak.

Lane County Public Health, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined that persons in the following groups are at increased risk because of the serogroup B meningococcal disease outbreak associated with the University of Oregon:

- Current and incoming University of Oregon undergraduate students for 2015.
- University of Oregon graduate students, faculty and staff who currently live or will live in campus residence halls, fraternities, or sororities.

Anyone who started the vaccination series should complete it using the same product for best immune protection. Both MenB vaccines (Trumenba® and Bexsero®) may be co-administered with other vaccines.

* Including inherited or chronic deficiencies in C3, C5-9, properdin, factor D, factor H, or taking eculizumab (Soliris®)

† Including sickle cell disease

For more information for pharmacists and insurance companies, please review the Oregon Pharmacy Immunization Protocols web page at:
<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/ImmunizationProviderResources/Pages/pharmpro.aspx>

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Mimi Luther at Lydia.m.luther@state.or.us.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. We ask your help in getting those at risk vaccinated to prevent any further cases of serogroup B meningococcal disease in this outbreak.



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