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### **Updated ACIP Recommendations for Meningococcal Vaccine**

A case of Meningococcal meningitis in a 7 year old East county resident has been reported to public health. All close contacts have been identified and received prophylactic antibiotics. The case is in stable condition and currently recovering at a local hospital.

Health care providers should be aware that the Food and Drug Branch Administration, along with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), have recently approved the use of the quadrivalent Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), Menactra, in children aged 2-10 years old who are at increased risk for invasive meningococcal disease. Children with increased risk include travelers to or residents of countries in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic, children with anatomic or functional asplenia, and children who have terminal complement component deficiencies. This recommendation replaces previous recommendations for the same at risk children ages 2-10 to receive the meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine, MPSV4 vaccine (Menomune).

Additional information regarding this revision can be found at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5648a4.htm?s\\_cid=mm5648a4\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5648a4.htm?s_cid=mm5648a4_e)

Providers are also reminded that the MCV4 Meningococcal vaccine is approved for use in all persons aged 11-55 years, with a specific ACIP goal of routine vaccination for all adolescents beginning between the ages of 11-12 years. For additional vaccine and scheduling information, please see:

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5631a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm5631a3\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5631a3.htm?s_cid=mm5631a3_e)

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