

To: CAHAN San Diego Participants

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University of Oregon Meningococcal Disease Outbreak

Six cases of serogroup B meningococcal disease have been reported among <u>University of Oregon</u> students with onsets between January 13 and March 15, 2015. The outbreak is considered ongoing. Most cases have involved meningococcemia rather than meningitis, and many presented initially with nonspecific symptoms.

Because many students will be home or traveling during Spring Break, March 20–29, healthcare professionals should consider meningococcal disease regardless of immunization status in any University of Oregon student who presents for acute medical care.

Approximately 4,900 of the 22,000 students at the University of Oregon are from California. Some students may be seeking immunization with the newly licensed serogroup B vaccines or the quadrivalent meningococcal vaccines. Information about recommendations given to University of Oregon students, including insurance coverage for the vaccine, may be found here.

Healthcare professionals should **immediately report any case of suspected meningococcal disease** to the County of San Diego Epidemiology Program by phone at (619) 692-8499, Mon-Fri, 8AM to 5 PM, and (858) 565-5255 on evenings, weekends or holidays (ask for the epidemiologist on call).

For more information about meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccine, the following resources are provided:

- CDC: Meningitis
- CDC: Meningococcal Disease
- CDC: Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine & Outbreaks
- CDPH: Meningococcal Disease
- FDA approves Bexsero Vaccine
- FDA approves Trumenba Vaccine
- FDA information on Menevo Vaccine
- FDA information on Menactra Vaccine

Thank you for your continued participation.

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