

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## SEROGROUP B MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Effective 6/10/2016

In response to the recent serogroup B meningococcal infections in two students, the New Jersey Department of Health and Rutgers University, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, strongly recommend that all incoming and returning Rutgers University–New Brunswick undergraduate students, including transfer students, regardless of whether or not they live in campus housing, receive the serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine Trumenba® (Pfizer) this summer.

Based upon the lab testing of the serogroup B meningococcal disease detected on campus, the best protection against the specific outbreak strain at Rutgers University–New Brunswick is expected with the full 3-dose series of Trumenba®.

For further information about the outbreak from your school, please click on this link:  
[www.health.rutgers.edu/meningitis](http://www.health.rutgers.edu/meningitis)

### Vaccination Recommendation

Based upon lab testing of the specific outbreak strain at Rutgers University–New Brunswick, the best protection is expected with the full 3-dose series of Trumenba. Therefore, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and Rutgers University recommend, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that Trumenba® be administered to help protect against the particular strain present on the Rutgers University–New Brunswick campus. While one or two doses of Bexsero® or Trumenba® will provide some short-term protection against the specific outbreak strain at Rutgers University–New Brunswick, the best protection is expected to require completion of the full three-dose series of Trumenba® with the second dose given 1–2 months after the first and the third dose 6 months after the first.

### Where should I get the recommended vaccination?

***This vaccination is NOT covered at any Pharmacy, unless a Convenience Care Clinic exist to administer the vaccination. It is NOT covered with a prescription. It is NOT covered at an Out-of-Network Provider.***

You can start the 3-dose series at your PCP's Office or at the Student Health Center.

- Click here for a listing of the Student Health Center's locations: <http://health.rutgers.edu/location/>
- Click here to find an In-Network Physician: [UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus](#)

### Vaccination Verification

All undergraduate students are required to either submit verification of receiving the vaccine series or sign a document containing information about meningococcal disease prevention and vaccination. Verification and other forms can be found here. Completed forms can be returned two ways:

By email: [vaccine@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:vaccine@rci.rutgers.edu)

By mail:  
Rutgers University  
Attention: Immunizations  
57 US Highway 1  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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