



State of Oregon Health Alert Network

Please forward this information to vaccine providers in your area, including primary and urgent care providers as well as local pharmacies. Your support in this is very much appreciated.

Dear vaccine providers,

Oregon State University's Corvallis campus remains under an outbreak status due to the cases of serogroup B meningococcal disease involving OSU students diagnosed during the 2017–2018 academic year.

Therefore, the Oregon Health Authority recommends that all students attending OSU's Corvallis campus, who are age 25 and under, complete MenB vaccinations. In response, OSU has decided to continue to require that these students to be vaccinated. OSU is encouraging incoming students attending OSU's Corvallis campus to start their MenB series at home over the summer. Please anticipate continued demand for MenB vaccination.

Fall term of the 2018–2019 academic year

OSU will require its Corvallis campus students ages 25 and under to be vaccinated against Meningococcal B. Please support the university's policy by:

- Asking patients age 25 and under whether they will be attending college in the fall.
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- As those students present, taking the opportunity to educate them about Meningococcal B and to administer the MenB vaccine.

OSU Vaccine Clinics and MenB policy information:

<http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/student-vaccine-clinics>

Clinicians and domestic students can learn more about other vaccines required by OSU <http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/general/policies-and-guidelines/immunizations-tb-screening-and-health-history/domestic-student>. OSU has similar requirements for international students but they are also required to get screened for TB.

Exemptions

OSU allows some exemptions to the vaccination requirement. Students wishing to claim an exemption can learn more by visiting: <http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/menb-vaccination-exemptions>

Providers in the Corvallis area able to provide walk-in MenB vaccinations

Students living in or near Corvallis can find providers in the Corvallis area willing to provide walk-in vaccination for MenB. To locate these providers, see:

<http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/student-vaccine-clinics#local>

Requirements for insurers:

The ongoing outbreak status means that certain private health insurers are required to cover the cost of vaccines and antibiotics necessary to prevent the spread of the outbreak for enrollees in a health benefit plan offered by the insurer who are 25 years of age and under, and who are attending or enrolled OSU's Corvallis campus. Insurers are also prohibited from restricting required coverage by doing any of the following:

- Requiring services be administered by an in-network provider
- Imposing cost-sharing requirements that are greater than cost-sharing requirements for similar covered services
- Requiring prior authorization or other utilization control measures
- Limiting coverage in any manner that prevents an enrollee from accessing necessary health services
- Requiring prescriptions from in-network providers restricts access to coverage and is prohibited.

The law applies to health insurers, including health care service contractors and multiple employer welfare arrangements, offering health benefit plans in Oregon. The law does not affect students covered by Medicaid, or by self-insured employer plans. A consumer advocacy line is available for patients and providers facing challenges with insurers in the implementation of this law. Connect with advocates at 1-888-877-4894 or cp.ins@oregon.gov.

Additional resources for parents, students and vaccine providers:

Oregon Health Authority Meningococcal Disease page: www.healthoregon.org/mening

Contains information for college communities, disease information, disease reporting, Oregon data and a link to educational materials (fact sheets, FAQ's, and customizable vaccine reminder cards and clinic posters). Materials are available in English, Spanish, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Somali and Arabic.

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Oregon 24/7 disease reporting: 971-673-1111